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Tory says sorry for filming in his car

AN aide to a Tory candidate in one of the West Midlands' most marginal seats has apologised for filming himself while driving.

Jack Spriggs, who works for Dudley North candidate Afzal Amin, is also standing to be a councillor in the St James's ward in Dudley.

The 19-year-old was revealed at the weekend to have posted videos on Instagram of himself singing loudly with friends while at the wheel. The car is seen to be moving and Mr Spriggs looks into the camera, which appears to be on the dashboard and using the front facing camera.

Mr Spriggs said: "The video footage I uploaded was filmed 'hands-free' – with the phone mounted using a car kit. However I realise simply because something is legal does not make it the safest way to drive, so I will not be repeating my mistake. In the future, it's eyes on the road for me."

The video is embarrassing for Mr Amin who has campaigned for measures to improve Dudley's road surfaces, where he says potholes pose a risk to safety.

Dudley Labour councillor Adam Aston said: "Jack Spriggs' actions were irresponsible and immature. We don't need driving like that in Dudley."

Mix it up at big switch-on

TOP pop group Little Mix will be switching on the Christmas lights at Merry Hill shopping centre.

They will be joined by other stars including rising pop star Lauren Wright from Kidderminster, R3act and Britain's Got Talent favourites Bars and Melody at the event on Friday, November 14.

There will be fireworks and appearances from the Penguins of Madagascar at the switch-on. Tickets cost £1, available from customer services in the lower mall.

NEW BLOW FOR WASTE PLANT

Work to start on uniting attractions

WORK to create a shared visitor hub for three of the Black Country's biggest tourist attractions – as part of a £10.1million masterplan – gets under way next month.

It will link Dudley Zoo with the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust and is aimed at propelling the number of people visiting the town towards one million a year.

Shared

The shared entrance will lead from the new 600-space visitor car park and provide information on all three sites.

Tourism bosses hope a shared arrival entrance will help encourage families to visit all three sites, rather than just one or two.

Work is also under way on a new recreational route which will link the three attractions, from a new road created off Tipton Road.

The project has been backed by around £4.5m of European funding.

Chief executive John Polychronakis, who was updating cabinet members at a meeting last night (Wednesday), said: "The contract for the Visitor Arrival Hub has been awarded with construction starting in November and completion due in April 2015."

Hundreds of homes on way

AROUND 350 council homes will be built in Dudley under plans worth £40 million. Dudley Council is looking at developing sites around the borough during the next five years.

Cabinet members will be asked to approve plans which will see £15.6million invested over the next three years to launch the scheme.

The 34-year-old is a director of Fownes Brewing Company which produces cask ales. He started growing his goatee last year during Movember.

He said he keeps it in shape and looking good at its current appearance with the help of beard oil.

He said: "It keeps my chin warm.

Odour

A letter to the council by agency planning specialist Becky Clarke said: "We understand from reviewing the information that the applicant intends to adopt technical and operational measures for odour control of a high standard."

"Our experience is that anaerobic digestion plants in close proximity to residential development can have the potential to cause odour amenity problems. We note that other sites that we are already regulating which have residential property significantly further away from the proposed development have generated complaints from local residents."

"Because of the close proximity of residential developments to the proposed development have generated complaints from local residents."

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Goatee devotee is the cat's whiskers



James Fownes, from Sedgley, celebrates his runner's up prize for the best goatee beard competition

THE honour is hair to stay for goatee beard wearer James Fownes after he was named among the best in the country for facial fuzz.

James, from the Sedgley, put his whiskers to the test in a national competition.

He took second place in the 'natural goatee' category of the British Beard and Moustache Championship in Bath.

He is a member of the Black Country Beardsmen Group, which meets in Walsall and was pipped to the top spot by fellow beardsman Simon Sheffield, from Hamstead.

Judges rated them on things like the

appearance, thickness and softness of their well-kept beards. The section was not about length, just as well as neither had measured their goatee.

Father-of-one James, of The Ridge-way, had travelled to the event as his business was helping to sponsor the competition.

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The world needs more beards and competing is just good fun as long as you don't take it too seriously."

Simon, from Hamstead, has had a beard for more than a decade but made a more conscious decision to start growing it a couple of years ago.

The 38-year-old clinched first prize with a trophy which was shaped like a facial hair.

The call centre worker said he was stunned to win.

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Bedroom blaze led to man's death

A 65-year-old man from Dudley was rescued from a fire at his house but died five days later in hospital, an inquest heard.

Devakumar Ramasamy died in Queen Elizabeth Hospital on July 26 after suffering burns and smoke inhalation on July 21. An inquest at Smethwick Council House heard a passer-by had dragged him from his house in Bourne Street, Dudley.

Senior coroner for the Black Country Zafar Siddique said Mr Ramasamy's death was accidental, after a cigarette caused the fire.

His partner, Trisha Baldwin, said in a statement that she had taken Mr Ramasamy some food in his bedroom before returning downstairs.

Mr Siddique said: "Between 30 and 45 minutes later she was alerted to a smoke alarm. She

opened the bedroom door and found that his bedroom was filled with black smoke."

"She couldn't get into the room because of the smoke so went downstairs to alert the neighbours. A male passer by, who wasn't named, entered the property. Mr Ramasamy had managed to crawl to the relative safety of the landing. The passer-by went up the steps

Town MP welcomes revival bid for theatre

AN MP has welcomed an £8 million plan to reopen Dudley Hippodrome.

Wolverhampton-based businessman Jonathan Kendrick says he could create an entertainment complex better than rival venues in Birmingham and Manchester with his plans for the iconic venue (see feature on page 6).

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "I grew up in Dudley and had my first job in the High Street. Like anyone else from here, I want to see new ideas to bring new investment, trade and jobs to the town."

Thriving

"In its heyday the Hippodrome brought stars like Laurel & Hardy, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby to Dudley, and I would love to see it become a thriving venue again."

"I'd also like to see the Castle opened up throughout the summer with concerts, plays and other attractions bringing thousands of extra visitors to Dudley, boosting trade and changing the town's image."

"Tourism is central to Dudley's future. That's why I will be working hard to make these plans to save the Hippodrome into a reality."

Spinal injury fear at crash

A MAN was taken to hospital with suspected spinal injuries following a three-car smash in Dudley at the weekend.

Fire crews from Dudley and Bilston attended the incident on Clarence Road in Gornal at around 9am on Sunday and removed the man from his car on a long board.

He was stabilised at the scene by paramedics and taken to Russells Hall Hospital for further checks.

No one else was injured in the accident and police launched an investigation following the incident.

Charity shop plea

RESIDENTS are invited to donate items for a charity event tonight (Thursday) in Kingswinford. Dudley Kidney Patients Association is holding its latest appeal for donations between 7pm and 9pm at the charity's shop at 806 High Street. Call (01384) 401111 for details.

Borough school pupils' results above average

DUDLEY is above the national average for the number of pupils achieving at least five A*-C grades, including English and maths, in their GCSEs — although fewer achieved the top grades this year.

Latest statistics from the Department for Education show 52.7 per cent of pupils scored at least five C grades in their GCSEs, including English and maths, this year compared with 59.7 per cent last year.

Although the percentage has fallen, education bosses say that is because of major changes made to both the exams and school league tables.

The national average is 52.6 per cent.

The figures have been welcomed by the borough's education chief Councillor Tim Crumpton. He said: "The results this year simply can't be compared to previous years because of the major changes that were brought in."

"I would again congratulate our young people for their hard work and their achievements with their GCSE results."

"It is pleasing to see Dudley is still performing above the national average."

"I have every confidence in our schools that they will keep up these high standards in future years."

In Worcestershire, the figures show the number of pupils who reached the five A*-C including the basics benchmark dropped from 62.9 per cent to 57.6 per cent. In Sandwell, this year 49.8 per cent of pupils reached the standard compared with 54.1 per cent last year and in Wolverhampton, the figure dropped from 61 per cent to 45.9 per cent.

Nationally, in total, just over half or 52.6 per cent of pupils in England reached the five A*-C basics benchmark.

Sculptor's art is cut-tery above



Sculptor Edward Cartwright, aged 28, from Stourbridge, with one of his creations

THEY are normally found at home on the dining table but a talented sculptor from Stourbridge has used his creative flair to turn these everyday cutlery items into works of art.

From elaborate swans and giant bugs to metal men and metallic masks – Ed Cartwright has made it all from spoons, knives and forks.

And his eye-catching sculptures are on display in a new exhibition which has opened at the Scary Canary shop in Stourbridge.

Mr Cartwright, aged 28, who has lived in Stourbridge all his life, said he started his peculiar art projects when he was a student.

"I was looking for cheap resources to work with as I couldn't afford anything expensive. I started making small pieces, which are the little bugs I have crawling up the wall at the exhibition, and that led to me making more elaborate pieces such as the centrepiece."

"I still use the cutlery now because it is cheap – a lot of the cutlery used here I found in charity shops."

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Award as food waste feeds the animals

A RECYCLING scheme which has seen food waste from Dudley Market donated to an animal sanctuary has won a national award.

Over the past year, traders and council staff have piloted the project which has also seen tons of unwanted cardboard recycled.

Since March, unwanted food waste has gone to Brockswood Animal Sanctuary to feed Dennis the llama, ponies Molly and Leo and other animals.

Now the scheme has been recognised by the Association for Public Service Excellence, which has presented Dudley Council and traders with the Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative award.

It came about as part of the council's plans to reduce the amount of waste that Dudley market disposes of each day and is part of the £6.7m redevelopment of the town's historic market place.

Already, more than ten tons of fruit and vegetables have been donated to more than 140 animals at the sanctuary – food which would otherwise have been thrown away.

Over the last year, 58 tons of cardboard has also been recycled.

Oh Bruver, Joe's in town

CRADLEY Speedway chairman Nigel Pearson has blasted Dudley Council for their lack of support.

Heathens boss blasts the council

A ROCK and roll legend who has played with Johnny Cash and supported The Beatles is heading to Dudley next month.

Joe Brown is celebrating more than 50 years in show-business which began with his band The Bruvvers, and will bring a show to Dudley Town Hall on November 15, packed with country, folk, rock 'n' roll, and music scene anecdotes.

Culture boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "We're really happy that Joe is coming to Dudley to perform this upbeat show."

Tickets cost £25.

Community hub

A £300,000 community centre will be built on Dudley's former North Priory estate.

Hundreds of new homes are being constructed by Keemoot Homes.

Plans for a community centre are being drawn up as part of the Friar Gate development.

Bully backing high life on The Waterfront



Steve Bull at the Point North apartments

HE scored more than 300 goals for Wolves but now Molineux legend Steve Bull has a new goal — success in property investment.

He has bought one of six penthouse apartments being created at the top of a former office block on the Waterfront in Brierley Hill.

The 49-year-old says he intends to remain living in Wolverhampton while he rents out the new two-bedroom property.

It is one of six penthouses at the top of the former Point North site, which is being converted into a 181-apartment block.

The penthouses are priced at £124,950. Four remain up for sale, along with a third of the rest of the flats in the block. They will be ready next October as the redevelopment by Seven Capital transforms the site, which will be re-branded The Landmark.

Bully, who grew up on Moat Farm Estate in Tipton, said: "When the Waterfront first came up it was a busy, thriving place. But in recent years it's fallen away a bit. I'm hoping this project will pick the area up and see restaurants and bars return to the canal's edge."

"It's nice to be fortunate enough to be an

ex-footballer and be able to do something like this."

The former England player who started his career at Tipton Town, got involved in the scheme after Seven Capital marketing boss Andy Foote called him. Bully said: "Andy is an old friend of mine. He showed me the plans and I checked out the site. What they want to do impressed me and I liked the views from the penthouse."

The block will consist of one-bed, two-bed and penthouse flats, from £69,000 to £125,000. The building had been empty for five years since insurers Egg moved out.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning to get ready for winter

A CHARITY is urging people to check their home ready for winter.

Age UK Dudley is calling on homeowners to check pipes, windows, roofs and gutters in a bid to avoid any mishaps during the winter. The charity says catching problems early can save time and money, and also recommended checking insurance for storm damage and burst pipes.

Elaine Panchal, from Age UK Dudley, said: "Preparation is key to protecting your home and avoiding expensive and urgent call outs when the weather changes."

Dodgeball club is aiming to expand

A DODGEBALL club in Walsall is hoping to expand and set up new groups in the Black Country.

Walsall Warriors set up in 2012 and has grown to more than 40 members.

Glyn Marston, who runs the club, is now changing its name to Black Country Knights and wants people interested in helping to set up clubs elsewhere in the Black Country to get in touch. Walsall Warriors will still function but as a junior club.

Call 07588 249358.

Autumn fair is planned at church

AN AUTUMN fair will be held at St Andrew's Church, in Bilston Street, Sedgley, on Saturday (November 8) in aid of church funds and charities.

The event from 10am to 1pm will include stalls selling Christmas gifts and cards, books, CDs and records, homemade cakes and bric-a-brac.

There will also be competitions and refreshments available.

High-rise issues on the agenda

COUNCIL tenants who live in Dudley borough high-rise properties can discuss issues relating to their estates at a meeting.

It takes place on Tuesday at Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road, Netherton.

The session is 7pm to 8.30pm, refreshments served from 6.30pm. To attend call (01384) 815168.

Poppy dancing

AN ANNUAL poppy dance will raise money for the Royal British Legion and asbestos-related diseases.

Tickets for the November 7 event Ruiton Street Hall, Dudley, are available on (01384) 457879.

Lights out as a £27m wave of cuts proposed

BURIAL fees are set to rise and street lights to be switched off after midnight in the latest round of council cuts in Dudley.

At a meeting yesterday (Wednesday) councillors were also considering streets and parks not being maintained as often and budgets for road repairs and resurfacing will also be slashed.

Finance bosses at Dudley Council have revealed proposals for £27 million of savings out of £57m of cutbacks required by 2017/18.

Finance boss Councillor Stuart Turner said he would be "as innovative as possible" to protect key services in the borough. He has also warned that more than 300 jobs could be at risk over the next three years.

Bills

The budget proposals include turning off some street lights after midnight to reduce energy bills, saving £100,000 by 2018.

Maintenance of parks around the borough would be reduced to claw back £265,000.

Increasing burial fees is expected to bring in £520,000 in the next three years.

Savings will also be made by transferring the management of the New Bradley Hall care home in Kingswinford to a private firm.

The proposals, which also include changes to youth support services and Dudley Performing Arts, was going before cabinet members at last night's meeting.

Savings of £22.9m are proposed for 2015/16, moving up to £25.3 million by 2016/17 and £27.4 million by 2017/18.

But the council has warned it faces a deficit of approaching £30m by 2017/18 if additional savings are not found.

Mayor backs charity for young homeless



Mayor Councillor Margaret Aston, Rachael Taylor from YMCA Black Country and Councillor Richard Body with supporters

A CAMPAIGN to help homeless teenagers in the Black Country has been launched by Dudley Council.

Door which currently has 80 households listed across the Black Country as hosts for homeless young people.

The council and charity are now coming together to call on more people to support the work by becoming hosts. The council is also leading by example, through Councillor Richard Body, who is a registered host with the charity.

Councillor Aston said: "Supporting young homeless people in the area is essential and we hope we can help

raise awareness of their need to increase fundraising and increase the number of hosts they have willing to take part."

Steve Clay, chief executive of YMCA Black Country Group said: "We are extremely grateful to Dudley Council for showing this support of the work we are doing. There are many homeless teenagers who need our support."

Anyone interested in the project can contact host co-ordinator Rachael Taylor on 0121 524 1974.

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A STUDY in China suggests that babies born from frozen embryos are more sociable than those conceived naturally. Is it mere coincidence that Eskimos are famed for their hospitality?

TOLD you so. Five months ago I wrote that the figure of 888,246 ceramic poppies planted at the Tower of London, to be sold for service charities, was too small and that "everyone who wants a ceramic poppy should be able to buy one." The alternative, I suggested was "a limited edition creating an artificial shortage and being sold online for obscene profits." Sure enough, all 888,246 poppies – one for every British warrior killed in the First World War – have now been snapped up. Thousands of folk will be disappointed. Watch out for the profiteering to begin.

SCIENTISTS in San Diego did a sneaky thing. They questioned elderly folk about how much booze they consumed in a week – and then checked the answers against the empty bottles in their bins. You will not be surprised to learn that the number of empties was more than the old 'uns admitted to. It is high time another group of scientists examined the phenomenon noticed by so many of us. If you leave empty bottles in a bin for more than a few days, they start breeding.

RESEARCHERS in the US city of Boston claim a pint of beer a day may improve a man's fertility. But don't overdo it. As Shakespeare warned us, long before Boston was even founded, alcohol "provokes the desire but takes away the performance."



IF you wanted to make a new Dad's Army movie, no-one could hope for a better cast than Tom Courtenay, Michael Gambon, Blake Harrison and the others now assembled on the set at Brixton. The real question is why anyone would want to make a new Dad's Army movie when the original (1971) is perfect.

A REPORT on the BBC website tells us something about the connection between so-called bush meat and the Ebola virus. Experts believe there is a risk of the contagion being passed in the meat of bats, gorillas, chimpanzees and other African delicacies. So how does this affect us? To see the other half of the story, you have to dig out a BBC undercover report from 2012 which found "shocking" quantities of illegal and "potentially unsafe" meat being sold to the public in London. Or you could talk to experts like the wildlife charity Born Free which estimates that 7,500 tons of bush-meat products enters Britain every year, most of it in the suitcases of travellers from Africa. More than half of the illegal meat is distributed through wholesalers or sold at local street markets. So as you are reading this there's a good chance that someone, somewhere in Britain is sitting down to a meal of African ape or fruit bat – containing God knows what.

WHAT'S up, Doc? Christmas come early? The plan, announced yesterday, to pay GPs £55 for every case of dementia they diagnose is wide open to abuse. When some senior GPs warn that it may lead to patients being wrongly diagnosed, what they are actually saying is that they don't trust some of their colleagues. So can we at least insist on one tiny check? If some doctors are found to be diagnosing far more dementia than other practices, let's send in HM Revenue & Customs to have a good close look at their financial affairs. We'd be mad not to.

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Alcohol puts one in five in hospital

ONE million people – nearly one in five – across the West Midlands ended up in hospital or needing NHS care because of alcohol, shocking new figures reveal.

Drink accounts for 10 per cent of all admissions in England according to charity Alcohol Concern.

Almost 1,000 people across the Black Country and Staffordshire died because of conditions relating

to drink in one year. Latest figures show, in one year, 161 people died of drink-related causes in Sandwell, 142 in Dudley, 119 in Walsall and 115 in Wolverhampton.

Six in every 10 alcohol-related hospital visits were to accident and emergency at a time when departments are under pressure to meet targets. Almost two thirds of patients who sought help because of

alcohol-related matters ended up being admitted to hospital.

Alcohol Concern revealed that alcohol-related admissions cost the NHS in the West Midlands £288.3 million and that it cost £75.1m to the NHS for blood pressure inpatient admissions attributable to alcohol consumption alone. Booze is also blamed for almost half of all head and neck cancer admissions in

the West Midlands, costing £7.7m.

Alcohol Concern chief executive Jackie Ballard said: "The NHS is now facing an intolerable strain from alcohol-related illnesses. This is not just from readily-identifiable causes such as A&E visits and admissions for liver disease but from a significant number of other conditions in which alcohol plays a major but often under-appreciated part."

Fly tipping costs man a total of over £2k

A MAN has been ordered to pay nearly £2,000 for dumping household waste at a beauty spot.

Michael Parkes, of Stourbridge, pleaded guilty to fly-tipping when he appeared before Stafford Magistrates Court.

Environmental crime officers from South Staffordshire Council discovered the rubbish in January this year, after being alerted by the public.

An investigation found that Parkes had been paid £390 to get rid of a large quantity of household waste, which he dumped on the side of the road in Whittington Hall Lane, Kinver.

He was fined £800 and ordered to pay the £300 cost of removing the rubbish, as well as £300 investigation costs, £312 prosecution costs and a victim surcharge of £80.

Councillor Roger Lees, South Staffordshire Council's cabinet member for legal and public health protection said after the case: "Fly tipping is a very serious business. Not only does it look unsightly, it also costs to clear up which ultimately impacts on council tax payers.

"We will not tolerate criminals destroying our beautiful area."

'Moonwalking' witness contempt case dropped

TWO witnesses will not face prosecution after a trial collapsed when they made a video of one of them doing a 'moonwalk' dance while waiting to give evidence.

But the pair were rebuked by a judge, who told them they had been "extremely stupid".

Shea Taylor and Aaron Whittle were waiting to take to the stand in the trial of two men in connection with an alleged assault at the Tenth Lock pub in Brierley Hill.

By Jon Pritchard

During that time Taylor recorded a video of Whittle doing a Michael Jackson style 'moonwalk' dance, then shared it on social network Facebook.

Luke Walker, aged 26, of Guyfield Avenue, Brierley Hill, who was convicted of killing his girlfriend in Crete in 2010, was on trial with Luke Seeley, 26, of Channon Drive, Brierley Hill, but the case was dropped after the video was discovered.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week Judge John Warner said: "What you two admitted doing was an extremely stupid thing, even though it was in the privacy of the witness room. It was against the law of taking pictures or videos in a court."

The case against Walker and Seeley was dropped as the Crown Prosecution Service said the witnesses' action undermined the case. Walker is on bail after he was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm to 20-year-old Chelsea Hyndman, leading to her death four years ago. He was sentenced to eight years prison but the sentence was suspended pending appeal.

"What you did made you liable for prosecution for contempt of court. If the contempt of court had been proved, it normally means the person involved gets locked up. What you did was one of the reasons why the case was abandoned by the prosecution."

Robber hurts woman, 75

A 75-year-old woman was taken to hospital with fractured arm and hip after being robbed in Quarry Bank.

The elderly woman was attacked at around 7pm while walking at Thorns Road on Monday of last week (October 21).

She was dragged to the floor by the attacker who had snatched her bag.

Police have launched an investigation into the assault and robbery.

Anyone with information about the attack is asked to contact the police on 101.

Creepy nights at museum



Worker John Bailey in the hardware store at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley with one of the rat traps that forms part of the museums history trail

FROM scary spiders to repulsive rats – all sorts of creepy creatures are awaiting visitors to the Black Country Living Museum.

There will be plenty of spooky goings on at the attraction which is running a Horrible Black Country Histories trail until Sunday.

Youngsters can also banish boredom with traditional street games including hopscotch and skipping.

To finish the day they can visit the Lime-Light Cinema where family friendly cartoons will be playing. Tickets for the Halloween Nights cost £15.95 for adults, £12.75 for concessions and £7.95 for children.

enter into hovels, privvies and find out about the medicinal leeches, demon beetles and night soil men that haunt the Black Country's past'.

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NOW OPEN

Premiere for youth film on exploiters

A YOUTH group in Dudley is celebrating the success of a short film created by them to highlight sexual exploitation.

'Anybody's Child', made by Chatback, was shown at the Showcase Cinema in Dudley last week in front of 200 invited guests.

The film stars young people alongside Black Country actress Josie Lawrence and aims to raise awareness of how easily exploitation can happen, and how young people can recognise the warning signs.

Councillor Timothy Crumpton, children's services boss, said: "I was blown away by the professionalism and stunning performances of the young people. The film highlights this shocking crime and depicts the warning signs."

"I am extremely proud of everyone involved and would like to thank Chatback for producing such an amazing film which I am sure will become an invaluable and effective tool in schools."

Josie, originally from Old Hill, said: "Chatback is a group of fantastic young people who, aided by the brilliant Chatback staff, create the most imaginative and unique productions."

Training for retail offered

A CHARITY has started a training course aimed at helping young people find work in retail.

Youth support charity Rathbone Training is running a course aimed at 16 to 18-year-olds in Sandwell.

It has been established to build up people's retail skills including customer service, enterprise and stock taking.

Rathbone is offering a level one qualification in retail with an opportunity to progress to level two apprenticeship working with retail firms in the borough.

For details email sandwell@rathboneuk.org or call 0121 522 6990.

Fuel thief jailed

A MAN who stole up to £2,000 worth of petrol from stations in Dudley and Sandwell has been jailed.

Jamie Brookes, aged 27, of Valentine Road, Oldbury, was sentenced to nine weeks in prison at Sandwell Magistrates Court this month. He was convicted of 12 offences.

Road accident may have led to death in Goa



Holiday death — Paul Grazier

A MAN from the Black Country who died while on holiday in Goa may have collapsed due to injuries he suffered in a motorbike accident, a coroner said.

Paul Grazier, of Brierley Hill, died on February 12. He was discovered dead in bed after he failed to get up for a planned fishing trip.

The 44-year-old, who lived in Larksfield Mews, had suffered injuries in a motorcycling accident and had been discharged from hospital the day before his body was found.

Mr Grazier, who was a carpenter,

had been due to return to the UK shortly after his death for the 17th birthday of his daughter, Georgia.

His sister, Julie Cox, had flown out to the Indian state to identify her brother's body, the inquest heard.

Investigator

A statement from Margaret Colllins, an investigator for the coroner's office, was read out at the inquest at Smethwick Council House. "I had spoken to his sister

who had stated that he had been in India since January 7. He had visited there before and was staying with an Indian family. It was about three weeks into the trip that he was involved in a motorcycle accident. He had broken his toe and had some cuts and bruises but said that they were fairly minor.

"Mrs Cox seems to think that his injuries were more severe but wasn't letting the family know of the full extent of his injuries.

"He was discharged from hospital on the day before he was found and

went out in the evening, came back and went to bed."

A post mortem carried out by doctors in India found that the cause of his death was unascertained but said information presented to them suggested a previous road traffic collision showing injuries to his pelvis.

Senior coroner for the Black Country, Mr Zafar Sadique, said: "On a point of probability, he died as a result of injuries sustained in the original road traffic collision.

"The cause of death remains unascertained."

Car tracking device places getaway driver at robberies

A GETAWAY driver was snared for his part in two robberies by a tracker fitted to the car he was driving.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that Remayo Stirling, who had been committing robberies since the age of 13, had actually been in court on unrelated matters on the day the offences took place.

Stirling, of Manor Road, Smethwick, was sentenced to

six years in custody when he appeared last week. The 20-year-old had admitted conspiracy to commit robbery at an earlier hearing.

Mr David Oscroft, prosecuting, said a tracking device fitted to the Mercedes hire car he was using pinpointed its location at two store raids that took place in the space of an hour.

The first offence was just before 9pm on March 12, when his two male accomplices burst into the William Hill betting shop in Oldbury Road, Rowley Regis. But the robbers left empty-handed after the manager managed to push them back and he and colleague escaped behind a locked door.

Just before 10pm the same night, two men went in the Co-op store in Dudley Road, Tividale, and threatened a staff member, demanding money from the till. They snatched £165, six bottles of spirits and cigarettes.

Again, Stirling did not actually take part in the robbery but CCTV showed he had been in shop shortly before when he appeared to be carrying out a reconnaissance.

Stirling had previous robbery convictions and was on bail charged with possessing an offensive weapon at the time of the offences.

There have been questions over the future of St John's Church in Kates Hill since 2002, when it was just 19 at the time of the robbery.

From the football pitch to the police



Former West Brom trialist Don Nardiello gets set to hang up his police helmet HE hung up his boots to swap a playing career for policing, and now a former West Brom trialist and Coventry City winger is hanging up his helmet too.

Pc Donato Nardiello, who serves at West Bromwich police station, will be retiring after a 30-year career on the force on November 13.

But he did not start his career on the beat – instead after leaving school, 57-year-old Don spent several years as a professional footballer.

"It was very much the case that I

wanted to be a footballer at school, but when you go to the careers department you get told you will go to work in a bank or building society," he said. "So it was a dream come true for me."

"I played for the school, then the county, various scouts came to watch, and I went for trials at a few clubs."

After choosing Coventry City, Don signed his first professional contract on his 17th birthday, and estimates he played around 38 games in three seasons with the club.

But he was unfortunately injury



Donato Nardiello – Coventry City prone, including breaking his in his hand in a collision with West Brom winglet Willie Johnston.

Don, who lives in Stourbridge, said: "As a result of the injuries you lose your confidence, there's a lot of competition, and I found it tough."

After he and his wife Mandy married he played in America for a couple of years. Moving back home, he trained with West Brom, playing in the reserves, but failed to make the grade. With a young family to care for, he joined the police in 1982.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Royal Mail ready for festive rush

IT'S the busiest time of the year and to cope with demand this Christmas, Royal Mail is taking on more than 800 workers in the Black Country.

Temporary workers will be taken on to cope with the festive period, which could see up to 400 million items of mail delivered throughout the Midlands over the next two months.

A total of 836 seasonal staff will be employed from November to early January, with the bulk of new recruits required during the main Christmas rush in December.

Cliff date at the Symphony Hall

POP legend Sir Cliff Richard has announced a date in Birmingham.

Sir Cliff will perform at Birmingham Symphony Hall as part of his 75th birthday tour of the UK.

The star, who has released 100 albums in his 55-year career, will be in the second city on September 29, 2015.

Tickets go on sale on November 1 at 10am. As ever, fans are expected to camp out in order to be first in the queue. Tickets range in price from £65 to £75.

Track trespasser delayed a train

A TRAIN was delayed for more than 45 minutes after a trespasser got onto the rail tracks between Lye and Bradley Heath.

The train, which had come from Kidderminster, was stopped by a trespasser on the line last week.

Gerard Burgess, a spokesman for London Midland, said the train driver had managed to convince the man to get on the train.

Four-day festival for real ale fans

A TIPTON real ale pub will be staging a four-day beer festival.

The event at the Rising Sun in Horseley Road is running from today (Thursday) to Sunday.

The pub was bought by Black Country Ales after being closed for several years and was reopened following refurbishment last year.

Register revamp

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IN MY VIEW**with Mark Andrews**

THE landlord of my local insists these are genuine answers to a popular Black Country pub quiz:

(Q) Name the capital of the Republic of Ireland, beginning with the letter 'D'

(A) Belfast

(Q) Which group of islands are sometimes known as Malvinas?

(A) Boyzone.

Any more entries gratefully received...

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A COUPLE of weeks ago, some of you may remember that I made a prediction regarding the new series of *The Apprentice*. I ventured that, given that this year's series had a record 20 candidates, and was scheduled to run for just 14 episodes, that we should not be too surprised if the honourable Lord Sugar would lose his paddy from time to time and spontaneously fire contestants on a whim.

By the end of the second week, five candidates have got the bullet, and the ennobled one is firing like Bodie out of the professionals. So just call me Confucius.

And here is another prediction. Sometimes during the series, Lord Sugar will turn up at the crack of dawn in order to treat us to the sight of the dishevelled-looking hopefuls being briefed in their pyjamas and odd socks.

The Apprentice is now in its 10th series, and those taking part are supposed to be some of the sharpest and shrewdest young minds in the country. Has it never crossed any of their minds that it might be a good idea to keep a shirt and trousers by the side of the bed, just in case?

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TOM Jones is offering fans the opportunity to buy advanced tickets for concert dates, right up until he reaches the ripe old age of 103.

Some people have suggested this might be a bit presumptuous, and I tend to agree. Selling tickets a year in advance is always a risky business.

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GIVEN that we are constantly told we are sitting on an economic timebomb caused by the growing health needs of an ageing population, whoever thought it would be a good idea to offer GPs a double-glazing-style bonus for diagnosing Alzheimer's?

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MOTHER-of-three Michelle Hall claims she is allergic to Simon Cowell.

"As soon as he walked on stage wearing those trousers pulled up to his chest, grinning demonically and winking, I felt a sweat coming on."

Indeed, so severe is her condition, that the 43-year-old claims she screams, sweats and vomits every time the X-Factor comes on television.

Get to the back of the queue, love.



Proposal — ROK chairman Jonathan Kendrick



Campaigners to save the theatre outside the venue



Ken Dodd has offered to help save the venue

WEEK IN POLITICS**with Daniel Wainwright**

ED Miliband has made a wise choice bringing Pat McFadden back to his front bench as shadow Europe minister.

The Paisley-born MP for Wolverhampton South East knows only too well about campaigns to keep families of nations together. He went up north to urge his fellow Scots to stay in the UK. And now he's making the hard-headed, patriotic case for the UK to stay in the EU.

While Labour is sticking firmly to holding a referendum only in the event of a transfer of power to Brussels, Lichfield Tory MP Michael Fabricant thinks one is 'inevitable'. The big question is going to be who will lead the various sides.

Even Eurosceptics on the Tory benches won't want to concede the 'out' campaign to Nigel Farage. Nor would UKIP want the Conservatives they've been fighting against to carry the standard on their core policy.

As for the 'in' campaign, should it eventually happen, Mr McFadden is a good choice, if not to lead it, then to be very prominent within it. He's someone who brings with him a wealth of experience and connections with the business world and can talk up the economic impact of an 'out' vote.

This is a Labour MP from the party that wants to hit the bankers hard for their part in the financial crisis, who was also able to get the former RBS boss Stephen Hester to visit Wolverhampton and talk to business people.

Those contacts, incidentally, came in handy when he and fellow Wolverhampton MP Paul Uppal were campaigning separately to get the Barbara Hepworth Rock Form statue put back in the Mander Centre. RBS owns the statue.

It will be up to Pat McFadden to make the most of this new role. The Europe question is a complicated one. In the wrong hands this shadow brief is a poisoned chalice.

The Conservatives are trying to not only hold on to seats they won in 2010 but gain others to give David Cameron the majority that eluded him.

Even so, it is probably beyond ambitious to expect to win in Warley, part of Labour stronghold Sandwell where there is just a single Conservative councillor out of 72.

The Tories quietly merged the former Warley Conservative Association with others to form a Sandwell Federation. Tory high command says it was a democratic decision taken locally to merge the groups.

Some former members are not happy. They want their association back. Ewart Johnson is one of those. He's stood for election 20 times and never won once. Whatever your political stance, that's real dedication to the cause.

£8m scheme to save Hippodrome

ALEX ROSS looks at the ambitious plans to host concerts and sports events at an historic theatre venue

A BUSINESSMAN has unveiled his £8million plan to reopen Dudley Hippodrome, claiming he would create an entertainment complex better than rival venues in Birmingham and Manchester.

Jonathan Kendrick, co-founder of The ROK Group, says he will create a multi-purpose venue with moving stages to host a wide range of events from pop concerts to snooker competitions.

His proposal also includes an exclusive 'unlimited' auditorium, which would mean people unable to make shows could watch performances via a per-per-view Hippodrome mobile app.

Fortune

Mr Kendrick made his fortune selling mobile phone services and a beverage and health and beauty company.

The Wolverhampton-based businessman has pledged to work alongside campaign group Friends of Dudley Hippodrome on the ambitious project.

Campaigners said they were encouraged after talks with the ROK group following a joint tour of the Castle Hill venue this week.

Mr Kendrick, aged 56, was shown around the inside of the venue by council officials.

Dudley Council has already received a 28-page proposal for the site from his company Events That Rock.

His father Vic Kendrick owned the venue in the 1960s, attracting the likes of Walker Brothers and The Kinks to its stage.



businessman says Dudley Hippodrome could be a major venue again

Mr Kendrick said: "I think Dudley is a diamond in the rough, where outside London do you have a great art deco zoo, a castle and a museum based on the industrial revolution with superb motorway access?"

"It really is unique and with a new Hippodrome we could create a major visitor attraction, better than Manchester and better than Birmingham."

He explained: "Our plan is to strip it out and create a multi-purpose venue, so it's not just for shows. It will accommodate many different events and we

plan to put in moving stages so we can host any live performance."

"Personally I hope to stage musicals, live sporting events like our snooker and top rated chart bands who can stream their performances worldwide."

The auditorium would be remodelled for a moving stage and seats to provide traditional sloped seating or a flat floor area for concerts with a standing audience. There would also be conferences and weddings at the venue.

But Mr Kendrick, who was in the Top

50 Rich List for Birmingham this year, said he was becoming frustrated at the speed of progress.

He said: "It has been frustrating. We submitted our proposals months ago and met with the zoo owner to agree a strategy to solve the car parking.

Even now we're only just being allowed to view the premises.

"We are also aware of quite a bad asbestos issue that needs to be solved."

"Our patience as a company is running out so we are now looking for some action and decisions from the council. We represent the most viable future for the Dudley Hippodrome."

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group member, Gaz Sawers, known as Black Country Gaz, welcomed the ROK group's plans.

"I like it as they have talked to us about the plans," he said. "People need to think outside the box."

Genuine

"It is the first time that I have met Mr Kendrick to talk to them about this. They seemed very genuine."

The campaign to save the theatre has been backed by veteran entertainer Ken Dodd, who has offered to perform a fundraiser to save the venue, which Dudley Council were prepared to see demolished.

Dudley Council councillor Judy Foster gave both the Friends and the ROK group until the end of October to submit revised business plans to reopen and operate the venue.

The council have put plans for the demolition of the theatre on hold.

But Councillor Foster says a decision on the Hippodrome's future must be taken by the end of this year to avoid further deterioration of the building.

She added: "The council has been working with The ROK Group over the last few weeks to arrange a date for them to access the building and meet with council officers."

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Council did not heed care home warning

HAVING spent the last four years as a member of the New Bradley Hall Action Group fighting to save that from closure, I was saddened to read about the closure of the Homestead and Knoll residential care homes.

Having been through exactly the same appalling experience myself with my own loved one, my first reaction was to think what could I do to help those desperately upset relatives and residents still in their home.

After a great deal of thought, the answer was very little... nothing.

This is a perfect example of the

SVR day out was a real treat

ON Sunday we went on a birthday treat to Kidderminster where we boarded the Severn Valley train The Venturer.

What a surprise and super treat it was, everything was organised perfectly.

The dining car had been beautifully restored and tables were laid with snowy white starched cloths and napkins. The meal was delicious and served by waiters and waitresses smartly dressed in period costume.

It is hard to believe that they are all volunteers and not actually trained in the art of silver service.

The meal is all freshly prepared in the restaurant car kitchen, which you can look around after your meal if you wish.

The scenery was wonderful as was our bird's eye view of the elephants (baby one too) and antelope in Kidderminster's super safari park. We had a wonderful and memorable day.

P WILLIAMS
Kingswinford

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Become a 'pain killer' for arthritis research

ON behalf of Arthritis Research UK and people living with arthritis I would like to thank everyone in the West Midlands who 'became a pain killer' during National Arthritis Week (12-19 October). Arthritis holds 10 million people in the grip of excruciating pain, including myself. This pain can be invisible and too often dismissed as minor aches and pains. In reality arthritis is the biggest cause of pain and disability in the UK, affecting people of all ages.

Arthritis Research UK believes everyone has a right to live a pain-free life. This year the charity highlighted the impact of pain and asked you to 'become a pain killer', either for yourself or a loved one, to help win the battle against arthritis. Many of you did this by completing the National Arthritis Survey, finding more about pain management or attending a fundraising event. The charity's work will not be possible without the public's continued support.

There's still time to fill out the National Arthritis Survey which will help the charity understand the disease and its effects on people's everyday lives. To find out more about the work of Arthritis Research UK please visit: www.nationalarthritisweek.org website.

CATHERINE MANNING
Arthritis Research UK

scenario that we as an action group stressed over and over again to the caring Socialists who run Dudley Council of what would be happening to more and more privately run care homes following the demise of the Southern Cross Healthcare group. The writing was on the wall but did our councillors listen, no. We were told they were just a one-off and safeguards were in place.

We tried over and over again to try and get our representatives of the people to understand why every local authority should have at least one council owned care home to act as a safety net for the most weak, the most vulnerable and the least well-off in our society.

It might be better for the council, because they have not only saved a year on year expenditure but they have also now been able to wash their hands of any responsibility for looking after our most vulnerable. It's not the best for the rest of us.

It's not too late for New Bradley Hall, so let's hope that this is a wake up call for our so-called caring council.

I'm not holding my breath.

PHIL VANES

New Bradley Hall Action Group

Schemes only add to congestion

SO, thousands to be spent on road improvements at High Street Pensnett. Can I just say before any money is spent, or wasted, can the planners take a good close look at the traffic improvements on the new Brierley Hill bypass? The think-tank have placed seven sets of traffic lights, including pedestrian lights, and now it is far quicker to go through Brierley Hill High Street, the very place intended to have less traffic.

The placing of traffic lights at High Oak/High Street and Tansey Green Road sounds like another idea that is doomed to fail. All traffic lights do is cause build ups. At rush hour it will only have one effect and that is tail backs.

I suspect Dudley Council have too much white paint. It seems they like placing it at T-junctions to make mini islands, causing unnecessary frustration where traffic flowed with no problems.

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Thornton in talk on chocolate - by Cadbury

Kingswinford & District Historical Society

At the October meeting of Kingswinford & District Historical Society members listened to Alan Thornton as he spoke about 'the history of Cadburys'.

He told of the Cadbury family opening a chocolate and coffee shop in Birmingham in 1824 and going on to manufacture chocolate in the city centre.

By 1878, he said there was the need to build a new factory and George Cadbury decided to build it in the countryside, naming the site Bournville.

Having seen the living conditions of his workers in the city he provided houses in a garden village setting. As a Quaker, Mr Cadbury had the well-being of his workers at heart and provided schools, a community centre and churches.

Alan then went on to show a film made in the 1950s showing the production of chocolate and coffee at the Cadbury factory.

The next meeting of the Society is on Monday, November 3 when the local well-known historian John Sparry will tell of his memories of Wall Heath and Kingswinford.

Visitors and friends are always welcome. Meetings are held at the community centre, High Street, Kingswinford at 7.30 pm.

A small charge includes tea and biscuits.

Further details from Ron Julian 01384 295848.

Cheshire Oaks trip a shopaholic's delight



Beryl Thorlby, Glenys Marsden and Val Chalker at Walsall Arboretum

THE trip to Cheshire Oaks on October 13 was a shopaholic's delight. Everyone found something to buy or just admire, or strongly resist in some cases. The weather was overcast and dull but at least the Midlands rain was left behind.

On the return journey Gill of Norton Coaches announced that she and Martin would be retiring in the New Year. Thanks and best wishes were given to Gill and Martin as they have been popular escorts on many of the club's trips over the past few years.

The Federation Art & Craft Day is at Aldridge Community Centre on Saturday, November 15, and the Christmas Dinner

is on Thursday, December 4 at the County Hotel, Birmingham Road, Walsall.

Speaker for the evening was Ian Bott who took the group on a Magical Mystery Tour by way of his extensive collection of old photographs. The competition for a small floral arrangement was won by Pat Heeley. Sandra Pagett was the raffle winner.

Next month's meeting will be held on November 20 at Pelsall Community Centre, when the Speaker will be Doris Halifax demonstrating flower arranging.

Winter hanging baskets tips

Bilbrook WI

THE October meeting was opened as usual with Jerusalem and president Julie welcomed members and visitors.

After correspondence and information on the Christmas dinner at Essington Fruit Farm, Julie introduced the speaker, Darren Rudge whose talk and demonstration was on

winter hanging baskets. He has been in the gardening profession for more than 20 years.

He demonstrated how to make a winter hanging basket and let the group in on one or two trade secrets. The end result was a beauti-

ful basket filled with lovely greenery, cyclamens and pansies. Darren donated the basket for the raffle and it was won by Pat Embrey.

The floor was then open to questions and answers and a vote of thanks was given by Ann Evans.

Speaker at the November 17 meeting will be Kasie Woods son Boots No.7.

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Cenotaph gardens are next in line for a revamp

A £1.3 million project to revamp Coronation Gardens in the heart of Dudley town centre has been announced.

The transformation will include the creation of a new outdoor events area with a stage for performances and the refurbishment of the Grade II listed Apollo Fountain.

The gardens, which are home to the town's war cenotaph, date back to 1937. Senior councillors were discussing the plans last night (Wednesday) when it was anticipated that they would give the green light.

It is the latest regeneration scheme to be announced for the town as work continues on a £6m overhaul of Dudley Market.

Dudley Council says the plans for Coronation Gardens aims to create a physical link between the town centre, the gardens and the Dudley College campus on Tower Street.

Flow

The refurbishment includes new paving, lighting and other features such as benches and the rebuilding of the historic wall.

The Grade II listed Apollo Fountain would be refurbished, water will flow once more and up-lighting will be installed. A new outdoor events area, including a stage, lighting and seating would be created at the area to the rear of the gardens, close to the college campus.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Coronation Gardens is a special place as it is home to our cenotaph, historic fountain and Bert Bissell memorial, as well as being a vital part of our civic cluster. This exciting but sensitive refurbishment will ensure that everyone can benefit from the beauty of these historic gardens as well as creating



Outdoor events plan for Coronation Gardens, outside Dudley Council House

vibrant spaces for new and different uses. This work will reinvigorate and enhance this area of the town for us all to enjoy now, as well as protecting it for generations to come."

Other work includes repairing stone kerbs, removing the existing concrete wall and replacing with a new brick wall. It also means the repair of the stone piers which sit at the top of the steps on Priory Road.

The gardens which the council says are a special feature in Dudley, sit opposite the Council House in Priory

Road and form part of the civic quarter.

Provided it gets the go-ahead, the work is scheduled to start early spring and be completed in the summer of 2015. The programme is currently being worked through and start dates will be confirmed in the near future.

This project is part financed by European Regional Development Fund, Townscape Heritage Initiative and Dudley Council and is an extension of Dudley's £6.7m market place redevelopment.

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Life must mean life for an evil killer like Harry Roberts

THE WAY I SEE IT



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'We have to send criminals the message that killing a police officer means life behind bars'

I KNOW lots of local people will have been outraged by last week's news that the notorious police killer Harry Roberts is to be released from prison.

It's been 48 years since Roberts was convicted for the brutal murder of three unarmed police officers. At the time he narrowly escaped the death sentence and was told by a judge that he should never be released.

I think life must mean life for an evil criminal like Roberts, and his release is a betrayal of police officers who put their lives on the line to protect the rest of us. I know that the majority of decent, law-abiding people in Dudley will agree.

That's why I stood up in the House of Commons last week and demanded that the Home Secretary Theresa May stick to her promise that "life should mean life for anyone convicted of killing a police officer". We have to send criminals the message that killing a police officer means life behind bars.

People often tell me that politicians in Westminster don't care what they've got to say about immigration, but I know local people think it's an important issue. Politicians should be trusted to have their say.

Personally, I would keep a free market but I think we should make our own decisions on things like UK relations with the rest of the world, domestic law and social security.

I also think there's more that the Government can do right now to address local people's concerns. I think we should change the benefits system so that you can

only take benefits out of the system if you have paid into it first. I think the Government should reverse its cuts to the border force so it has the staff to count people in and out of the country.

The Government hasn't been able to sort this out to public satisfaction, so I think people should be trusted to have their say.

The Government hasn't been able to sort this out to public satisfaction, so I think people should be trusted to have their say.

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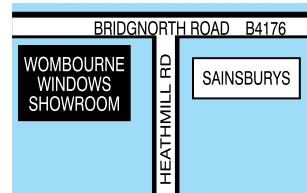
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'Alarming' increase as 1,500 animals abandoned in year

Feeling app-y with new council service



Councillor Hilary Bills with street cleaners Brian Rollinson and Derek Burton to launch the smartphone app

REPORTING issues to Dudley Council has been brought into the 21st century with the launch of a new mobile app.

The application allows people to send in pictures of potholes, dumped rubbish, faulty street lights and graffiti and also to notify the council of any housing repairs that they feel are needed. Users will also be able to find out the latest news and information, search for jobs and train and bus times. The Dudley Council app has been launched as part of the authority's love your community campaign.

Technology boss Councillor Stuart Turner said: "Through our work as a community council and via our love your community campaign, we are always looking at the best ways to communicate with our residents. This app is another way that people can find out information and get engaged with the council."

It is free to download from the Apple Store for iPhone users and on the Google Playstore for Android users. Search 'Dudley Council' to find it.

Series of open days for city's new free school

A NEW free school set to open in Wolverhampton is hosting a series of open days next month.

The British Sikh School is due to open in Blakenhall in September 2015, initially to cater for up to 120 Year 7 pupils.

As part of a recruitment drive, school leaders are inviting parents to meet with them and find out about the plans for the school.

Inspired
Manohar Singh, project manager for the school, said: "We want people to come and find out about the high quality of education we have to offer and see our innovative and exciting curriculum for themselves."

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ALMOST 1,500 animals have been found abandoned in the West Midlands so far this year, figures have revealed.

The RSPCA said it was seeing an 'alarming' increase in the number of abandoned animals, with the West Midlands the fourth worst area in the country.

There were 1,428 animals abandoned in the area between January 1 and October 1, with London and Greater Manchester topping the table.

Nationally, the society has been called out to deal with 29,770 reports of abandoned animals this year and is expecting about 140,000 calls in November and December alone.

It means 50,000 animals will need help between now and Christmas.

RSPCA Midlands superintendent Kelly Rivers said staff and volunteers have seen an alarming increase in animals being abandoned across England

By Kimberley Crayton-Brown

and Wales and expect the situation to get worse over the winter months.

She said: "Even in a nation of animal lovers, there are thousands of people out there who don't care about their pets at all. In fact, some literally treat them like rubbish."

Vigilant

"Worse still, holidays like Christmas can lead to an increase in abandonments as some people choose to get rid of their pets rather than pay for them to be looked after while they are on holiday.

"Money may be spent on holidays and Christmas presents rather than seeking vet attention for ill or newborn animals, so they are dumped. It's bad enough when we find a box of kittens wrapped in blankets on our doorstep with a note, but now people are deliberately dumping their animals in

out of the way places - like bins, skips or on waste ground - and leaving them to an unknown fate."

The charity is urging people to stay vigilant and alert staff if they notice boxes, bins or bags that could contain abandoned animals.

It has launched a winter campaign that will look at all aspects of the work it faces, including the rise in abandonments, weather-related rescues and an increase in violence towards animals.

Last month, police and the RSPCA said an appeal which was launched after a dog was found hanged outside a primary school had received a good response, with lots of useful information handed over.

West Midland charity Dog Watch UK, said the hanging highlighted a growing problem of pets getting into the wrong hands and they were often left with abandoned animals to care for.

Illustrating link with both work and education

A COMIC book illustrator and a demolition expert were on hand to give a crash course in the world of work at the launch of a nationwide initiative to boost the aspirations of thousands of youngsters.

Primary Futures aims to help children understand the link between work and what they learn in school by inviting people employed in a range of professions to talk to primary schoolchildren.

More than 1,000 primary schools have signed up for the project, including dozens from around the Black Country. Last week the scheme was launched at Oak Meadow Primary School in Wednesfield, where four guest speakers gave presentations to groups of Year 5 and 6 pu-

pils. Among those taking part were Laura Howell, an illustrator for The Beano.

She said: "I decided I wanted to draw for a living at a young age, but it can be hard to find advice about this type of career in school. At this age the right inspiration can carry people through into a career."

Paul Dowswell, author of more than 60 books for children and young adults, also took part. He said: "The idea of showing children how they can make it in the world of work is a fantastic one."

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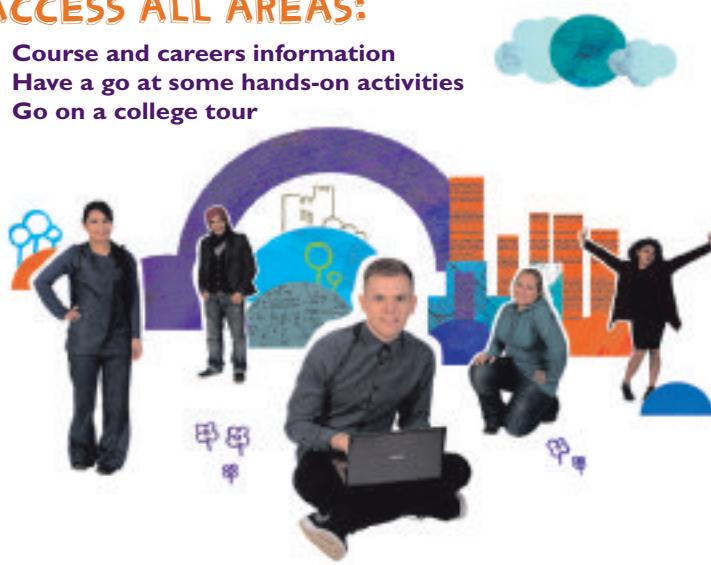


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UNSGNED heroes of the community in Dudley borough have been honoured at a special ceremony.

A teenager involved in a serious road crash who has gone on to help the air ambulance and a woman with more than 30 years service to the Girl Guides were among those recognised in the 12th Dudley Volunteer Awards.

The awards ceremony took place at Brierley Hill Civic Hall with almost 300 people attending.

Awards were presented by community and business leaders to the winners of nine categories.

Joshua Dudley, from Lye, received the Young Volunteer of the Year Award from John Cook, of Amblecote Christian Centre. After being involved in a life-threatening collision with a car, the 13-year-old cyclist was flown to hospital by Midlands Air Ambulance helicopter. Josh has so far raised over £36,000 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Service (see also page 15).

Voluntary

The Business Supporting the Community award was won by Paul Billingsley, of Accord Steel Cladding in Kingswinford, presented by Scott Jones of Brierley Hill Copthorne Hotel. Shamim Akhtar of DIREXIONS, in Stourbridge, picked up the Community Action Award from Dudley sector Chief Superintendent Chris Johnson.

The Gordon Lindsay Award for long service to voluntary work was presented to Heather Cruickshanks of Stourbridge for over 36 years service to the Girl Guide movement.

The Healthy Communities Award was presented by Paul Maubach of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group to Springboard Exercise Vol-



Volunteer worker Heather Cruickshanks with daughter Anne Pinder receives her long-service award from Dudley mayor Margaret Anson at the ceremony

unteers, part of Age UK Dudley in Brierley Hill.

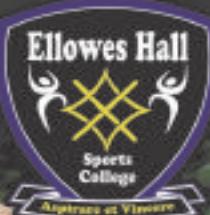
Judges for the Wellbeing Award decided to share it between Heavens Kitchen Volunteers and Darryl Garland. Paul Maubach, chief accountable officer at Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, made the presentation.

John Cheadle from the Transport Group Volunteers, who maintain the vintage vehicles at the Black Country

Living Museum collected the Arts and Heritage Award from deputy council leader Councillor Peter Lowe.

Councillor Tim Crumpton presented the Children and Families Award to Gary James, a fundraiser for children's charities. John Cheadle, a table tennis player from Pensnett, was awarded the Sporting Champion title, presented by John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council.

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Brave Josh helps the air ambulance



Brave boy — Josh Dudley, 13, recovering from a serious cycling accident with his father John Birchill

A TEENAGER who suffered severe injuries after being knocked off his bike has been helping to raise money and awareness for the Midland Air Ambulance.

Brave Josh Dudley, aged 13, was left fighting for his life after the crash in Stourbridge in April 2011.

He was revived by his father at the scene and spent nearly three months in a coma at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Despite doctors fearing he would be forced to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, he has managed to learn to walk again.

Josh, a pupil at Penn Hall School in Wolverhampton, and his family have been using his miraculous story to raise awareness for the life-saving work of the air ambulance.

Josh has now been honoured for his dedication to the cause after being named Dudley's Young Volunteer of the Year. Josh's father John Birchill, aged 37, said: "He still has some brain damage and memory trouble but he is doing well."

Business in bid to boost profiles of their towns

BUSINESSES in Stourbridge and Halesowen may soon be asked to pay extra tax to fund town centre improvements.

Dudley Council is drawing up proposals for Business Improvement Districts (BID) in both areas.

The scheme will see firms join forces to create a single company and each member pays a levy. Members will get to decide how the money is spent. The cash could be used to fund special events, more security or promote the towns and make them more attractive.

Chairman of Halesowen Chamber of Trade Wayne Edwards welcomed the plan. "The process is that the Chamber bids for this and has to get a majority of business to agree before it is taken forward," he said.

"If we do get the agreement of a majority, that means we will have funds coming in from each business to spend in the town however we like. It is a fantastic idea as it means we will be able to revamp and market the town to get footfall and shoppers in which will be good for every trader.

"What is good is that each business will pay the same percentage of their business

By Heather Large

rates so bigger corporations, such as supermarkets, who currently pay a minuscule amount to the town, will have to contribute more money than smaller independent stores. It will also allow us to put on more big events. I think it will be fantastic for Halesowen."

It is estimated that a BID company in Halesowen could generate £51,668 with a one per cent levy and £103,337 if it is set at two per cent. In Stourbridge, it is estimated that a one per cent levy would bring in £91,000 and a two per cent one £182,000.

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Call for deal on 'Greater Brum' by Christmas

COUNCIL leaders in the Black Country have given Birmingham an ultimatum over plans for a combined authority — sign it by Christmas or a deal will be sought with South Staffordshire and Telford and Wrekin instead.

The councils want to team up on transport, marketing and regeneration to attract investment from big businesses and Government. But there is concern about the name Greater Birmingham being used amid fears it will destroy the individual identity of the Black Country.

Councillor Darren Cooper, leader of Sandwell Council and chairman of the Black Country joint committee, said the four boroughs would go elsewhere unless Birmingham City Council could agree on a committee by Christmas. He stressed that Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley would not lose their individual identities.

He said: "This has gone on long enough. There are combined authorities in other parts of the country and we're being left behind."

"If this isn't done by Christmas then the Black Country will look elsewhere — South Staffordshire, Telford and Wrekin and other

By Daniel Wainwright

conurbations — to work together."

The urgency is because of the General Election next May, with councillors keen to have a structure in place ready to start seeking funding from the next Government.

Councillor Brian Edwards, leader of South Staffordshire Council, is not keen on the idea of a combined authority. He said:

"No-one's spoken to me about this yet. We already work closely with the Black Country. But we're happy being part of Staffordshire."

Sarah Norman, incoming chief executive of Dudley Council, has been tasked with building relationships with other organisations as part of moves towards a combined authority.

X-tra special role in Grand musical

X Factor star Alexandra Burke is to take the leading role in the musical The Bodyguard on tour next year

X FACTOR star Alexandra Burke will play the lead role in The Bodyguard at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton and Birmingham Hippodrome next year.

The chart-topping singer said it was an honour to be taking the tour of the hit West End show around the country.

Wolverhampton's Beverley Knight earned rave reviews for her performance as Rachel Marron in the London show. And now Burke, who won X Factor in 2005 and has since topped the singles chart three times, will look to make the role her own.

Excited

She said: "I couldn't be happier to be joining the tour and I'm excited to get started. Being on the theatre stage has brought me great happiness. It is an honour to have been asked to join the team and I look forward to creating new and long lasting memories with the cast."

The Bodyguard comes to the Grand Theatre from April 21 to May 2 and Hippodrome from August 5 to 29. It is based on the 1992 film starring Whitney Houston.

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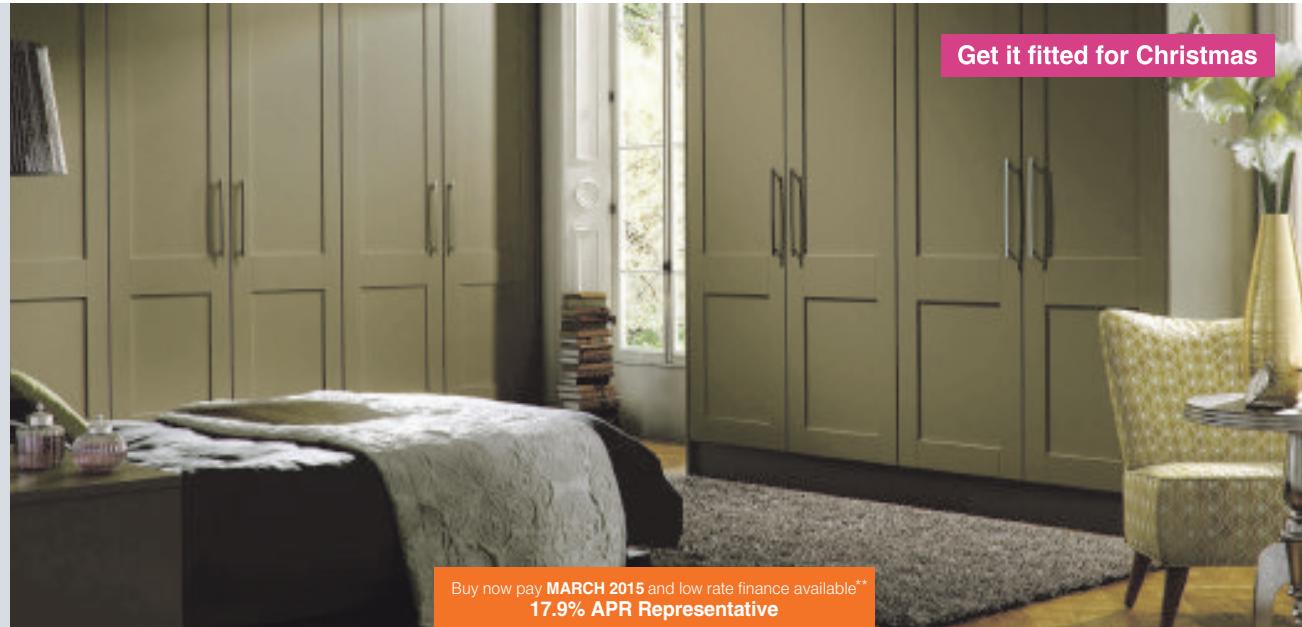
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'Craze' time as legends at Robin



Roy Wood at the Robin 2 Club in Bilston

THREE of glam rock's most celebrated bands are set to take the stage in the Black Country over the space of a couple of 'craze' months.

Slade, Roy Wood and Sweet will all be appearing at the Robin 2 in Bilston before the end of the year. Between them they have clocked up more than 100 years on the circuit,

gracing some of the world's biggest stages in front of sell-out crowds of screaming fans.

These days the bands are a rare sight on stages in the UK, but the Robin's owners managed to persuade them all to return to the venue for a trio of highly-anticipated gigs.



Andy Scott of Sweet will be taking to the stage



Dave Hill will be bringing Slade back to Robin 2 after a break

age Rampage. Robin 2 spokesman Mike Hamblett said he was looking forward to welcoming the bands, all of whom have previously played the venue.

He said: "I am very proud to host these three major players from the 70s glam rock period. Slade play very few UK gigs these days, while Roy Wood has played only twice in the country this year.

"It's the same with Sweet. They

are all friends and thankfully we managed to persuade them all to come and play the Robin again. They have been at it for years but all of them have managed to maintain big fan bases.

"These great bands really know how to put on a stunning show."

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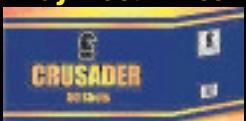
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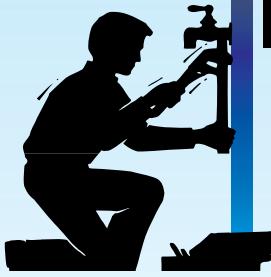
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Yes the storyline may be a bit corny,

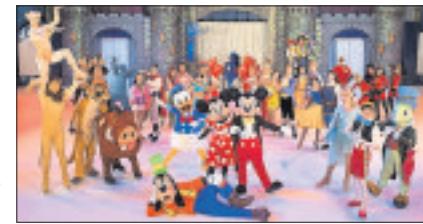
and everyone who has seen the film, and even those who haven't, can guess at the happy ending. But that did not matter a jot as the music - a great job by the orchestra - and the dancing were superb.

Any fans following the current TV series of Strictly Come Dancing would have looked on in amazement as the dancers glided across the stage in stunning costumes - far more elegant than sequinned SCD lot.

All the cast gave 100 per cent with a superb performance by leads Jerry Travers, played by Alan Burkitt and Dale Tremont (Charlotte Gooch) but I must confess my favourite was the rather hard-done to Horace Hardwick (Clive Hayward) who always gets things wrong but somehow got things right in the end.

The show runs until Saturday so go face the music and enjoy!

Sue Attwater

Leo makes it up when list is lost**REVIEWS**

Colourful cast with all the Disney favourites

Sparkling Disney show is just magic

Disney On ice, 100 Years of Magic, Birmingham NIA

“WE will just have to make it up as we go along,” announced Anthony Thislethwaite after a colourful exclamation from Galway man Leo Moran that the set list was missing.

That set the tone for a very relaxed affair which bordered on the haphazard.

After the opener of Same Oul Town the discovery led to a lot of whispering between the duo, as they discussed what to play, and loud prompting from the packed crowd.

The stripped down versions of the Saw Doctors songs saw Leo providing the majority of the lyrics and Anto showing his versatility on an impressive range of instruments.

In between tracks such as Tell Me Who the Villains Are and Friday Town there was a lot of banter including the most protracted and dullest story of meeting Bob Dylan from Anto.

They gave the crowd what they wanted with songs such as First Love, Galway & Mayo and Clare Island.

Danny Farragher

The opening night at Birmingham's NIA was packed, not bad for a ‘school night’. And the youngsters, many dressed in Disney costumes, lapped it up.

The effects were, needless to say, stunning and the audience were happy to sing along to all the songs, children and adults alike. A very enjoyable night and the little ones left tired but very happy. It runs until Sunday so try to catch it.

Sue Attwater

They did justice to such classics as We Gotta Get Out Of This Place, Bring It On Home To Me, Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood and House Of The Rising Sun.

Then the Stax Records guitar great and last of Booker T's MGs joined them to play licks from songs he co-wrote with Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding and Eddie Floyd. Portly, avuncular 'Colonel' Cropper regaled us with anecdotes and was enjoying himself as much as the fans. It ended with Soul Man and Boom Boom — they rocked the room.

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Noel is so surreal and Miranda Sings

STAND up and be counted among the comedy fans.

Noel Fielding from The Mighty Boosh and Never Mind The Buzzcocks goes on surreal flights of fancy at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tonight (Thursday), while over at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre Georgie comedian Ross Noble performs his Tangentleman show tomorrow and Saturday.

Al Murray brings his Pub Landlord for another round in One Man One Guv'nor at the New Alexandra on Sunday.

YouTube sensation Miranda Sings (aka Colleen Ballinger, who will be her own support act) is at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday, the same night Hebden creator Jason Cook is at the Slade Rooms.

Supergroup bring Gravitas to venue

SUPERGROUP Asia have returned with a new album, Gravitas. Legendary rock drummer Carl Palmer, singer-bassist John Wetton and keyboardist Geoff Downes will be joined by Bromsgrove-born guitarist Sam Coulson at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday.

That's the same night that Black Country band Mothers Worry have their reunion at Bilston's Robin 2 and Countin' Crows play Birmingham O2 Academy with Bombay Bicycle Club collaborator Lucy Rose. Also, X Factor star and former Brum music student Rhidian sings at Birmingham Town Hall.

Paolo Nutini is at the LG Arena on Wednesday.

Dinner conversation uncovers a deadly conspiracy in thriller

Fans can rely on Paloma

PALOMA Faith brings her glamorous take on R&B to the West Midlands next month and has already planned a return in spring.

The Hackney songstress got 2014 off to a flying start with third album A Perfect Contradiction and her Pharrell Williams' produced hit Can't Rely On You. She had a star turn at the Proms, appeared at summer festivals and featured in the BBC's star-studded God Only Knows song and video.

Paloma has repackaged her album as The Outsiders Edition with extra tracks including new single Ready For The Good Life, plus a recording of her concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Only Love Can Hurt Like This singer has sold out Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on November 11 and plays Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 22. She's back to play the NIA (Barclaycard Arena, as it will be then) on March 19.



Paloma Faith, with canine companion, has three concerts coming up in the West Midlands

A CHANCE remark at a dinner party exposes a conspiracy in JB Priestley's play Dangerous Corner, staged at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Saturday.

Directed by Michael Attenborough, this new production will feature Michael Praed, who is still fondly remembered as TV's Robin of Sherwood, and Colin Buchanan, who was DI Pascoe in TV series Dalziel and Pascoe.

From the writer of the classic An Inspector Calls, Dangerous Corner is a mystery that sees dinner guests take a fresh look at the events surrounding a recent death.

The strong ensemble cast also includes Kim Thomson, who was Faye Lamb in Emmerdale, Downton Abbey footman Matt Milne, Lauren Drummond from Waterloo Road and Finty Williams, the Gospod Park actress and daughter of Dame Judi Dench.

The war poets of the First World War are portrayed on stage in Regeneration at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Oliver Award winning playwright Nicholas Wright has adapted Pat Barker's Booker nominated novel for the stage, a war story in which the battles rage in the minds of men devastated by their experience of the horrors.

Birmingham Rep's acclaimed production of John Steinbeck's Of Mice And Men continues at the Cen-



Praed and Buchanan in Dangerous Corner

tenary Square theatre until Saturday in the main house, whilst Dame Janet Suzman plays opposite young Khayalethu Anthony in Lara Foot's Solomon And Marion at The Studio at The Rep.

Actor Edward Petherbridge suffered a stroke whilst preparing for the role of King Lear in 2007 yet, remarkably, he could remember every line.

Petherbridge features with Paul Hunter in My Perfect Mind, a poignant and comic exploration of human resilience at The Door at The Rep from Tuesday to Saturday.

Russians bringing Ring Cycle to city

BIRMINGHAM Hippodrome undertake a massive operatic event with the staging of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle in its entirety next week.

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There will be four performances over five nights on November 5, 6, 8 and 9 — plus a host of associated events under the umbrella title Ringside, see www.birminghamhippodrome.com website. The cast will include Sir Willard White.

Merry and Kerry in comedy plays

COMEDY rules at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre where Su Pollard and Cannon & Ball feature in Ha Ha Hood tonight (Thursday). Then the Hollywood view of Ireland clashes with reality in Kerry comedy Stones In His Pockets on Monday.

The comedy veterans team up with Ben Langley as Robin Hood, Prince of Leaves, in a mix of panto and sketch show.

Stones In His Pockets blends comedy and tragedy when a movie crew's arrival in a small Irish community has unforeseen results. Two actors play dozens of roles in the play, which was a hit on Broadway.

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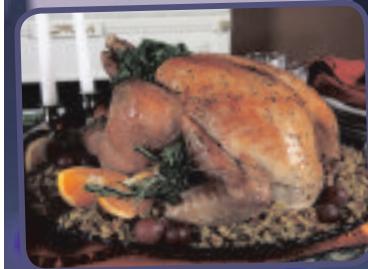
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6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. It's *Home and Away* Strictly, which means a hair-raising spectacular as the 11 remaining dancing couples perform their geekiest routines, with the fearsome foursome of Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present all the fun. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.15 Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor finally comes face to face with Missy in the mysterious world of the Nethersphere, where plans have been drawn up and an impossible choice is looming.

9.00 Casualty. It's football derby day in Holby and the fans are getting in the mood with a few pints in the pub – and before long a fight breaks out, requiring the paramedics to be called out. The ED staff are kept on their toes, however, when the violence spills over into the hospital. Meanwhile, a young woman injured at the pub is hiding something from her fiance, Ash struggles to cope under pressure and Dixie continues to grieve for Jeff. Rita's promotion is announced to the team, and Max makes a decision about his career. Guest starring Antony Costa (Blue) and former Bill regular Simon Rouse.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Sheryl Crow as she reveal the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws. **10.00 BBC News:** Weather. **10.20 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League fixtures, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool at St James' Park and Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.15 Film:** The Scarlet Thread. (1951) **7.30 Film:** The Quick Gun. (1964) **9.00 The Private Life of Plants.** (R) **9.50 The Private Life of Plants.** (R) **10.40 The Private Life of Plants.** (R) **11.30 Man Math.** (R) **12.00 The Little Paris Kitchen:** Cooking with Paul Bocuse. (R) **12.30 Out 'n' the Ritz.** The Genius of Fred Astaire. (R)

12.45 Film: That's Entertainment! Part Two. (1976) **2.45 Film:** Show Boat. (1951) **4.30 The Great Interior Design Challenge.** (R) **5.30 Flog It!**

6.30 Gardener's World. The horticultural advice series concludes as Monty Don takes stock of his year at Longmeadow, and Carol Klein celebrates the virtues of the wildlife hedge. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Restoring England's Heritage. Historian Tom Holland visits three important sites on the English Heritage "at-risk" list in the south of England, including a hospital built in memory of an explorer.

7.30 The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal. Thomas Asbridge examines the life and times of William Marshal, an English soldier and statesman who served four kings of England in the 12th and 13th centuries. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring seizes the chance to contribute to the war effort by guarding a captured German U-boat crew. Guest starring Philip Madoc. (R)

9.00 Frankenstein and the Vampyre – A Dark and Stormy Night. Docudrama examining the origins of the classic horror characters, when Lord Byron, Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley and friends gathered to tell ghost stories in 1816.

10.00 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The key moments from the battle for pole position at the United States Grand Prix, the 17th round of the campaign, held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

11.15 QI XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phil Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of funny questions about lenses, lungs and legs.

12.00 TOTP2: Halloween Special. (R) **1.00 Film:** Silkwood. (1983) **3.05 This Is BBC Two.** **4.30 Rugby League.** Four Nations.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan:** Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05 Canimals.** (R) **7.10 Canimals.** (R) **7.20 Signed Stories:** Share a Story. (R) **7.25 Sooty.** (R) **7.35 Mr Benn:** The Animate Series. (R) **7.50 Me and Mummy.** (R) **8.15 The Ritz.** The Genius of Fred Astaire. (R)

12.45 Film: That's Entertainment! Part Two. (1976) **2.45 Film:** Show Boat. (1951) **4.30 The Great Interior Design Challenge.** (R) **5.30 Flog It!**

6.30 Gardener's World. The horticultural advice series concludes as Monty Don takes stock of his year at Longmeadow, and Carol Klein celebrates the virtues of the wildlife hedge. Last in the series. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15 ITV News:** Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of videos filmed by viewers, featuring memorable pregnancy reactions, a dog ruining a living room, and a grandmother performing a striptease.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Coronation Street actress Kym Marsh, relationship expert Tracey Cox, choreographer Louise Spence and former tennis star Greg Rusedski take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. The remaining acts get into the Halloween spirit for Fright Night, what's that almost certain to include Michael Jackson's Thriller, but also a few unexpected song choices to keep things interesting. It's now the fourth week of the live shows and the contestants are facing increasing pressure to raise their game and impress with note-perfect performances. Host Dermot O'Leary will be on hand to keep the competition calm, as the judges – Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh – give their verdicts and defend their own categories. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With actress Keira Knightley, Have I Got News for You regular Paul Merton, former rugby star Gareth Thomas, Great British Bake Off judge Paul Hollywood and pop trio London Grammar.

11.05 ITV News: Weather.

11.20 Film: Bloody Sunday. (2002) **1.20 Jackpot247.** **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** **3.40 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

7.00 Cycling: Revolution Series. **7.55 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Weekend Kitchen.** **10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.30 Frasier.** (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.55 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Rain Live.** coverage from Abbot, Weatherby and Down Royal. **4.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.35 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Sarah Freeman hosts the final dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands, and hopes to impress her guests with a Moroccan menu. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News. **7.05 Speed with Guy Martin.** The speed demon teams up with endurance expert Jason Miles to find out how far it is possible to travel on a tandem during 24 hours of non-stop pedalling. (R)

8.00 Walking Through History: Victoria and Albert's Highland Fling. Tony Robinson visits the Cairngorms National Park to discover how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped shape Scottish traditions and imagery, such as tartan, bagpipes and caber-tossing. Starting in Pitlochry, he traverses the Killiecrankie Pass, where the Jacobites won the Battle of Killiecrankie, and ends his trek at Balmoral and the fantasy castle. Albert built it as his and Victoria's Highland escape.

9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

11.10 Film: Babylon AD. (2008) A mercenary escorts a girl from post-apocalyptic Russia to New York, unaware she holds the key to mankind's salvation. Sci-Fi adventure, starring Van Diesel.

12.55 Rue Tube. (R) **1.50 Hollywoods.** (R) **3.55 Location Locations.** (R) **4.50 Phil:** Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **5.45 NFL:** The American Football Show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **10.35 Access.** **10.50 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) **11.50 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) **12.50 Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy.** (R) **1.50 Film:** A Christmas Visitor. (2002) Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. **3.35 Film:** A Carol Christmas. (2003) Festive comedy drama, starring Tori Spelling. **5.15 Film:** The Town Christmas Forgot. (2010) Drama, starring Lauren Holly.

7.00 5 News Weekend. **7.05 Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence.** Investigating the evidence that supports some of the world's most notorious conspiracies. Though she often commanded crowds, some people have long claimed that she, the Mafia and even the Kennedy family may have been involved in Marilyn Monroe's death. This programme looks at some of these claims, and also reveals the contents of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house on the fateful day of August 5, 1962, which suggest her psychiatrist may have been responsible for her death, working under pressure from eminent individuals in high places. (R)

8.05 World War II in Colour. Hitler's disastrous invasion of the Soviet Union, during which the previously undefeated German forces were destroyed by the apparently endless resources of Stalin's war machine. (R)

9.00 Gotham. A corrupt businessman, released on bail, instructs his lawyers to bring his way out of trouble using the proceeds of his illicit activities. Later, a masked balloon seller snaps a handgun on him and he floats skywards to his death. Gordon and Bullock try to track down the vigilante, while Selina attempts to escape, and Oswald Cobblepot returns to Gotham. Comic-book thriller, starring Ben McKenzie. (R)

10.00 Film: The New Daughter. (2009) Premier. A writer uncovers the dark history of his house to find a way to save his daughter from the evil spirits possessing her. Horror, starring Kevin Costner.

12.05 SuperCastro. **3.10 The Da Vinci Code:** The Lost Symbol. (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Matlock Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels & Demons.** (R) **5.40 Roar the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL**BBC Three**

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Sherlock** **10.30 Live at the Apollo 11.00 Family Guy 1.40 The Revolution Will Be Televised 2.10 Bad Education 3.10 Bad Education: The Finale 3.40 Jenny Bede: AAA 4.00 Close**

BBC Four

7.00 Land of the Lost Wolves 8.00 Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.35 Country at the BBC 12.05 Land of the Lost Wolves 1.05 Sounds of the Eighties 1.35 Top of the Pops: 1979 2.00 Classic Albums 2.55 Maps:** Power, Plunder and Possession **3.55 Close**

ITV2

11.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Best of the Bush **12.45 You've Been Framed!** (2001) **1.50 Film:** Honey (2003) **3.45 Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **5.40 Film:** Casper (1995) **7.35 Film:** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **10.00 The Xtra Factor 11.00 Celebrity Juice:** Halloween Special **11.45 The Job Lot 12.15 The X Factor 2.15 Fake Reaction 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3

1.20 A Touch of Frost 3.45 Inspector Morse 5.55 Endeavour 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsummer Murders 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 A Touch of Frost 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4

11.45 World Rally Championship Highlights 12.45 Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of the afternoon session on **5.00 Star Wars 7.00 Darts:** The Masters Live. All the action from the evening session on **11.00 Film:** Death Race (2008) **1.10 River Monsters:** Untold Stories 2.15 Cheers 2.40 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

E4

3.40 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 How I Met Your Mother

6.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Footloose (1984) **11.10 The Big Bang Theory 11.40 The Inbetweeners 12.10 How I Met Your Mother 1.10 New Girl**

1.40 The New Normal 2.10 The Ricky Gervais Show 3.05 The Cleveland Show 3.30 Being Erica 4.35 Smallville

Film4

11.00 The Long Memory (1952) 1.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) 2.40 Marmaduke (2010) 3.00 Mad Money (2008) 6.35 Wall-E (2008) 11.15 The Evil Dead (1982) 1.00 Gozu (2003) 3.45 Close

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3.40 SuperCastro. **3.10 The Da Vinci Code:** The Lost Symbol. (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Matlock Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels & Demons.** (R) **5.40 Roar the Racing Car.** (R)

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SUNDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 2

CHOICE



Sophie McShera

Downton Abbey (ITV, 9pm)

Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure. Rose is delighted to introduce Atticus and his parents to the Abbey, while Anna and Bates start thinking about a fresh start, now that the worst of their problems are seemingly behind them. Molesley is concerned to see Daisy becoming disillusioned with her studies, and Isobel makes a happy announcement, but there may be trouble on the horizon. Violet has her hands full with her warring servants, while Mary and Blake seize an opportunity to send Gillingham a strong message. Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Raquel Cassidy, Brendan Coyle, Tom Cullen, Sophie McShera, Kevin Doyle and Joanne Froggatt.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. **7.30 Match of the Day.** (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00 Sunday Morning Live.** 11.00 **Sunday Politics.** 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 **Holiday of My Lifetime.** Len Goodman. (R) 2.45 Lost Treasures of Sikhism. (R) 3.15 **15 Songs of Praise.** (R) 4.00 Pop Up View. 4.15 **15 Songs of Praise.** 4.50 **Life Story.** (R) 5.50 **BBC News.**
- 6.20 Countryfile.** The team reports from the Isle of Wight. Matt Baker takes a stroll along Ryde Pier, the oldest in the UK and witnesses its ongoing restoration work. Ellie Harrison visits Osborne House, Queen Victoria's home on the island, appreciating Prince Albert's love of horticulture and in particular the trees he planted throughout the gardens, before heading to the private beach that the royal couple frequented. Plus, former farmer and trained butcher Gareth Barlow meets a woman campaigning about the virtues of eating beef, Adam Henson meets a young farmer putting his own take on the poppy and Tom Heap investigates claims that education reforms could put school farms under threat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Annie Lennox provides the music.
- 8.00 Armistice Day Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the second of two programmes from the Somme battlefields, in which she and the experts are joined by families with stories of courage and humanity in wartime.
- 9.00 Death in Paradise.** Drama about a fish-out-of-water British detective solving murders on the Caribbean island of Saint Marie. (R)
- 10.00 BBC News: Weather.**
- 10.30 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Highlights.** Suzi Perry interviews drivers from the United States Grand Prix on the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 17th round of the campaign took place.
- 12.00 The Apprentice.** (R) 1.00 **Film:** Girl from Rio. (2001) 2.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.** 2.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 7.30 Countryfile.** (R) **8.30 Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.00 The Football League Show.** 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** 11.50 James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.20 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure.** (R) 1.20 **Film:** Waterloo. (1970) Drama, starring Rod Steiger. **3.30 Flog On! Trade Secrets.** 4.00 Inside the American Mind. (R) 5.00 **Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights.**
- 6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes** 2014. Dan Snow hosts the awards ceremony honouring the nation's teachers at London's Royal Hall, with guests including Prime Minister David Cameron, comedian and actress Catherine Tate, chef Ainsley Harriott and gymnast and former Strictly Come Dancing winner Louis Smith. There is also a performance by the cast of award-winning musical Billy Elliot.
- 7.00 Human Universe.** Professor Brian Cox explores how innate human curiosity has led mankind to realise its true place in space and time, appreciating that Earth is not at the centre of all things. (R)
- 8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon.** Exploring the relationship that has developed over thousands of years between the people who live in monsoon regions and the wildlife they share them with. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar?** The concluding part examines Britain's attempts to extricate itself from the war and asks whether the nation will have the desire to commit troops to such conflicts in the future.
- 10.00 Match of the Day 2.** A review of the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium and Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park.
- 11.05 Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print. A special guest also makes an appearance. (R)
- 11.35 The Fall.** Gibson revisits the Sam Rockey crime scene with Reed Smith and discovers a potential new lead, while Special Ops' boss questions him about his visit to Liz Tyler. (R)
- 12.35 The Fall.** (R) 1.35 **Sign Zone:** Countryfile. (R) 2.30 **Holby City.** (R) 3.30 **This is BBC Two.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge.** 6.25 **Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **7.05 Canimals.** (R) **7.10 Camanata.** (R) **7.20 Signed Stories:** Santa's Story. (R) 7.25 **Mr Ben: The Amazing Mr Ben.** (R) **7.30 Ultimate Spider-Man.** 8.15 **Horrid Henry: Super Show!** 9.25 **Dickinson's Real Deal.** (R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.25 ITV News: Weather.** 11.40 **Film:** Carry On. (1963) 1.30 **All Star Family Fortunes.** (R) **2.30 The X Factor.** (R) **4.30 Downton Abbey.** (R) **5.30 My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham.** (R)
- 6.30 Regional Programme:** Weather.
- 6.45 ITV News: Weather.**
- 7.00 Keep It in the Family.** Pop supergroup McBusted are this week's star assistants as two families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts.
- 8.00 The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest names in the charts.
- 9.00 Downton Abbey.** Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure. Rose is delighted to introduce Atticus and his parents to the Abbey, while Anna and Bates start thinking about a fresh start, now that the worst of their problems are seemingly behind them. Mylesley is concerned to see Daisy becoming disillusioned with her studies, and Isobel makes a happy announcement, but there may be trouble on the horizon. Violet has her hands full with her warring servants, while Mary and Blake seize an opportunity to send Gillingham a strong message.
- 10.05 ITV News: Weather.**
- 10.25 Harry's South Pole Heroes.** Part of two. Following their intensive training programme, Prince Harry and the injured soldiers prepare for their South Pole expedition, but extreme conditions take their toll. (R)
- 11.25 V-Cup Rugby Union.** Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition, including Saracens v Harlequins.
- 12.15 The Store.** 2.20 **Motorsport UK.** 3.10 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) 3.55 **ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

- 6.40 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.05 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.25 Frasier.** (R) **8.55 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** 12.30 **The Simpsons:** Bart. (R) **1.00 The Simpsons:** Lisa. (R) **1.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.55 The Simpsons: Marge.** (R) **2.25 The Simpsons: The Rolling Stones.** (R) **2.55 The Simpsons: Mr Burns.** (R) **3.25 The Simpsons: Ned.** (R) **3.55 The Simpsons:** Maggie. (R) **4.20 The Simpsons:** Homer. (R) **5.00 Film:** The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy.
- 6.35 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 WWII's Forgotten Soldiers: Secret History.** Five Royal Marines commando Arthur Williams embarks on a journey to explore the experiences of nearly two million British soldiers who suffered life-changing injuries and disabilities during the First World War. Largely forgotten or ignored after the conflict, these amputees and disfigured servicemen fought for recognition, respect and equality and many became pioneers who helped to transform the nation's attitude toward disability. Arthur reflects on the hard challenges they faced and draws comparison with his own story, having become paralysed from the waist down in a car accident in 2007.
- 8.00 Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer heads to Colorado, where he hopes to win one of America's oldest races, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, which ends more than 13,000ft above sea level.
- 9.00 Homeland.** Carrie receives a tip from Redmond regarding Quinn's lead, Saul calls in a favour with an old friend in the Pakistani military and Fara uncovers a deep-rooted conspiracy.
- 10.00 Film: Shame.** (2011) Premiere. A sex worker's carefully ordered life starts to fall apart when he is reunited with his equally troubled sister. Drama, starring Michael Fassbender and Carey Mulligan.
- 11.55 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by TV's Fador host Dermot O'Leary, Hollywood actor Elijah Wood, supermodel Naomi Campbell and Paloma Faith, performing her latest single. (R)
- 12.50 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.20 American Football Live.** 4.45 **NFL: Rush Zone.**

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig.** **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **6.35 Seaside Antics.**
- 6.40 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50 Chloe's Postman.** (R) **7.05 Our Little White Van.** (R) **7.15 The Big Picture in Purple.** (R) **7.25 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.35 Patrol.** 7.55 **Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25 Wanda and the Alien.** **8.40 Zack and Quack.** 9.00 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **9.30 Lazy Town.** (R) **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **10.35 Chinese Food in Minutes.**
- 10.50 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.50 Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.50 Film:** The Ghost of Grevelidge. (2000) Supernatural drama, starring George Cole. **3.35 Film:** The Canterbury Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **5.25 Film:** The Witches. (1990) Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston.
- 7.10 5 News Weekend.**
- 7.15 Film: Beetlejuice.** (1988) Recently deceased couple Adam and Barbara Maitland enlist the professional services of a hard-boiled veteran ghost to scare away the nosy new family who have moved into their former home. Tim Burton's supernatural comedy, starring Michael Keaton, Geena Davis, Alec Baldwin, Winona Ryder, Jeffrey Jones and Catherine O'Hara. Edited for language.
- 9.00 Film: The Cabin in the Woods.** (2011) Premiere. Five students staying in an isolated house deep in a forest discover an ancient book that summons up supernatural creatures. As they defend themselves from the forces they have unleashed, they discover something far stranger and far more dangerous is going on behind the scenes. Horror, starring Kristen Connolly and Chris Hemsworth.
- 10.50 Film: Piranha.** (2010) An underwater tremor unleashes a horde of carnivorous prehistoric fish on a seaside resort in the middle of spring break. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue and Jerry O'Connell.
- 12.30 Campus PD.** (R) **12.55 Superdashin.** 3.20 **The Gadget Show.** (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels of Jarmi.** (R) **5.40 Roar the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

- BBC Three**
- 7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30 Doctor Who.** **8.15 Film:** Shanghai Noon. (2000) **10.00 Family Guy.** **10.45 Life Is Toff.** **11.15 American Dad!** **1.30 Sweet the Small Stuff.** **2.00 The Revolution Will Be Televised.** **2.30 Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents.** **3.30 Life Is Toff.** **4.00 Close**
- BBC Four**
- 7.00 Timeshift:** The Ladybird Books Story – How Britain Got the Reading Bug **8.00 The Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction.** **8.30 The Secret Life of Books.** **9.00 Exposed: Magicians, Psychics & Frauds – Storyville.** **9.30 Film:** Come As You Are (2011) **12.10 Classic Albums Special.** **1.05 Goth at the BBC.** **2.05 John Denver at Wembley Arena.** **2.30 Timeshift:** The Ladybird Books Story – How Britain Got the Reading Bug **3.45 Close**
- ITV2**
- 1.05 The Xtra Factor.** **2.10 Rixton:** The Hot Desk. **2.20 Totally You've Been Framed.** **3.20 You've Been Framed!** **3.50 Film:** Valiant. (2005) **5.25 Film:** Come As You Are (2011) **7.00 Jurassic Park (1997).** **8.00 Scary Movie 3.** **9.00 The Devil Wears Prada.** **10.05 Trickled.** **10.45 Film:** The 40-Year-Old Virgin. (2005) **1.20 Dads 2.** **10. Two and a Half Men.** **2.00 TeleShopping.**
- ITV3**
- 2.25 Wycliffe.** **3.30 Film:** Columbo: Double Exposure (1973) **3.50 Lewis.** **4.55 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights.** **5.55 Eric Bristow: Sports Life Stories.** **6.00 Darts:** The Masters Live. **11.00 Film:** Dads. (2007) **1.10 The Lost Highway.** **1.50 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors.** **2.50 TV4 Nighlights.** **3.40 Emmerdale**
- ITV4**
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- E4**
- 2.25 Film:** The Parent Trap. (1998) **3.30 The Iron Giant.** (1999) **5.15 The Wizard of Oz (1939).** **7.00 The Incredibles.** (2004) **9.00 The Departed.** (2006) **12.10 In Another Country.** (2012) **1.50 Sleuth.** (2007) **3.40 Close**
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Celebs aim not to fright on a spooky dance night

MONDAY
Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Action thriller, concluding Robert Rodriguez's El Mariachi trilogy, starring Antonio Banderas, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe, Mickey Rourke and Salma Hayek. (2003)

TUESDAY

In the Valley of Elah, BBC1, 11.40pm

A retired military investigator's soldier son disappears without trace shortly after returning from Iraq. Frustrated at the police and the army's lack of progress in solving the case, he begins to suspect a cover-up and enlists the aid of a small-town detective in uncovering the truth. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. (2007)



But it seems that was all just a warm-up for tonight's Halloween extravaganza, the show when the make-up and costume departments can really let their imaginations run riot.

Of course, for many of the celebs, every Saturday night so far has been fright night as they try to conquer their nerves and perform in front of millions of people. Even the stars you might expect to be used to shaking their stuff in public – like pop star Pixie Lott – admit that Strictly is a whole new experience.

We've been treated to some extraordinary sights so far this series – from EastEnders Jake Wood sailing up a storm to Judy Murray literally flinging herself into Anton du Beke's arms during a surprisingly forceful tango.

And that's without even mentioning Movie Week when Mark Wright got superman, Scott Mills was transformed into a crab, and Claudia Winkleman threw popcorn into Tess Daly's cleavage.

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Lucky, that hasn't stopped him enjoying the experience. "It's something that's completely out of my comfort zone and I like a challenge. It's such a great Saturday night show and my family always sits down and watches it together so I'm really happy to be involved and I think my kids will really enjoy watching me take part."

It seems likely the 11 remaining stars will be taken even further out of

their comfort zones this week, as the professional dancers wrack their brains for more supernatural-themed songs. (In previous years, we've been treated to a Ghostbusters cha cha from Sid Owen, Russel Grant doing the Samba to Better the Devil You Know, and Mark Benton performing possibly the world's first intergalactic disco paso doble to I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper.)

And they'll still face the terrifying prospect of being judged by Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Bussell, although as TOWIE star Wright could tell you, even getting decent scores and encouraging comments can't always save you from that dreaded dance-off.

We'll have to wait for Sunday night to find out who's going home this week, and as an added incentive, the results show will also feature a performance by Annie Lennox. And if anyone's still searching for a Halloween tune, she did once have a hit with Love Song for a Vampire...



Strictly Come Dancing, Saturday, BBC1, 6.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Passing Bells
BBC1, 7pm

New series. Five-part drama being shown over five nights, in which the First World War unfolds through the eyes of two ordinary young men. Upon the outbreak of hostilities, farmer's son Michael and delivery boy Thomas both defy their parents and slip out to the recruitment office, alongside thousands of other men. After donning their uniforms – one British, one German – each set of parents struggles to cope with their sons' deceptions, before the new recruits set off for training, and while shy Tommy struggles to find his feet, Michael immediately begins to miss girlfriend Katie. Patrick Gibson and Jack Lowden star. Continues tomorrow.

TUESDAY
Live UEFA Champions League
ITV, 7.30pm

Real Madrid welcome Liverpool to the Bernabeu for this matchday four Group B fixture. This is the second meeting between the clubs in the space of a fortnight, and the odds are stacked against the Reds here given they suffered a 3-0 defeat at Anfield. Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring in typically brilliant fashion and Karim Benzema added two more in the opening 45 minutes. Much

was made of Mario Balotelli's subdued performance that saw Brendan Rodgers substitute the striker at half time, but improvements are also needed in defence if the Merseysiders are to have a dramatic reversal in fortunes this evening against the classy defending champions. However, Liverpool did defeat Real 1-0 on their only previous visit to this ground in 2009, but Steven Gerrard and Martin Skrtel are the only survivors from that team, while Iker Casillas, Pepe and Sergio Ramos are the three remaining Madrid players.

WEDNESDAY
Great Continental Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9pm

Some celebrities' lives can be re-invented thanks to being in the right place at the right time. Michael Palin for example was considered an unlikely successor to Alan Whicker in the late Eighties when he went Around the World in 80 Days, and in recent years Michael Portillo's railway travels have made for compelling viewing also. Now, armed with his trusty Bradshaw's guide, he's off on the Eurostar to travel overseas and into the past. There he

examines how life in Europe 100 years ago was changed forever by the advent of war. His first journey takes in Russia, a country which in 1913 was something of an enigma "poised between reform and revolution," explains Michael. His epic journeys take in Tula, Saint Petersburg and Moscow, among other places, and along the way he is taught how to wash.

THURSDAY
Peaky Blinders
BBC2, 9pm

There may be the obvious comparisons with Boardwalk Empire, and Cillian Murphy's Birmingham accent may take a little getting used to, but those niggles are tiny when you consider the stylish brilliance of Steven Knight's epic crime drama. With a top-drawer cast including Helen McCrory and Tom Hardy,



series two has made for compelling viewing in recent weeks, and the latest episode is no exception. It's Derby Day at Epsom, and under orders from Major Campbell, Tommy is there to assassinate a high-ranking member of the military establishment. He plans turn the situation to his advantage by bringing his gang to the racecourse and striking a blow at gang boss Sabini – a scheme that could take his organisation to another level.

FRIDAY
Marvel's Agents of SHIELD
Channel 4, 8pm

Given the fact Marvel are now one of the most powerful entertainment companies on Earth, with TV shows such as this and pending small screen sagas Daredevil and Agent Carter, there's little wonder DC are fighting back with more helpings of Arrow, Gotham and The Flash. Can Agent Coulson and company win the lion's share of ratings? Well they're certainly going to have a good go with this latest run being the perfect teaser for next spring's blockbuster Avengers: Age of Ultron. This week Phil and the team attempt to utilise the freezing power of Donnie Gill, a lethal Morocco-based individual fans may remember from series one episode, Seeds. The problem is, Simmons is caught in the crossfire.

American Gangster, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY

Away from Her, BBC1, 11.45pm

An elderly woman with Alzheimer's disease is adamant she will move into a care home to spare her husband of 50 years the burden of looking after her. Sadly, this leaves him in the heartbreaking position of having to watch helplessly as his beloved wife slips away from him. Drama, based on a short story by Alice Munro, starring Gordon Pinsent, Julie Christie, Olympia Dukakis and Alberta Watson. (2006)

THURSDAY

Badge of Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman discovers her supposedly dead son is still alive, his demise having been faked by her ex-husband as part of an elaborate plot to destroy her life. However, finding the evidence to prove her story turns out to be a difficult challenge. Thriller, starring Julie Benz, Matthew Kevin Anderson and Samantha Ferris. (2014)

FRIDAY

American Gangster, ITV, 10.40pm

The story of 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas, whose innovative methods of smuggling heroin into the US made him one of the leading figures in the New York underworld. A detective is assigned to bring Lucas's empire down, but his investigation is undermined by police corruption. Ridley Scott's fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington. (2007)

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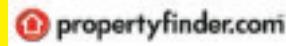
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Improved and maintained by the current owner this property is a must view. A lot bigger than it looks and having two DOUBLE bedrooms! Also comprising entrance porch, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, rear garden with access to the garage and driveway to the front. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate. EPC - ordered.

£105,000

HALESOWEN
Brades Close



Situated in a cul de sac location this house makes for an ideal family home! Having lots to offer including a conservatory, en-suite shower room, and private rear garden with rear reaching views! Also comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and driveway to the front. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate. EPC - ordered.

179950

TIPTON
Birmingham New Road



A three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, lean to with a downstairs wc, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and driveway. NO UPWARD CHAIN! Conveniently located for Dudley town centre. Transport links are provided on the Birmingham New Road, in one direction towards Wolverhampton and in the opposite direction towards Dudley and the M5 motorway island.

£90000

BRIERLEY HILL
Madison Avenue



A three bedroom town house with two reception rooms, close to the Merry Hill Centre. En-suite to the master bedroom. Fitted kitchen. Double glazing and central heating. Allocated parking. EPC - C £675 PCM + Fees

BILSTON
Mason Street



Four bedroom detached house. Large lounge. Fitted kitchen & dining room includes oven. Conservatory. Downstairs WC. Four bedrooms. bathroom, separate toilet on the first floor. Central heating & double glazing. Gated carport to side. Small rear garden. No DSS. Pets considered. Available now to view. EPC E £650 PCM + Fees

TIPTON
Holcroft Street



A well presented two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge, with dining area, kitchen, up-stairs bathroom, good sized garden to the rear and driveway. Unfurnished, available now to view. No Dss. EPC C £525 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY
Ruiton Street



A two bed modern apartment, double glazing and central heating, parking to the rear of the building. Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath, storage/fan heating. Carpet with storage cupboard on ground floor. Unfurnished. Available to view now. EPC C £525 PCM + Fees

CRADLEY HEATH
Mossvale Close



A modern 'coach house' style first floor apartment. Lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath, storage/fan heating. Carpet with storage cupboard on ground floor. Unfurnished. Available to view now. EPC C £485 PCM + Fees

TIPTON
Ferguson Drive



A modern, two bed apartment with double glazing and electric storage heating, open plan living with fitted kitchen and dining area, lounge area and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished. EPC D £475PCM + Fees

RUSSELLS HALL
Middlepark Road



Spacious 1st floor 2 bedroom flat located near to Russells Hall Hospital. Large lounge, fitted kitchen includes oven. Bathroom with shower. Part double glazing. Unfurnished. Gas central heating. Off road parking. No Dss. EPC C £475 PCM + Fees

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SEDGLEY, Gospel End Road

Impressive spacious gas centrally heated double glazed detached bungalow constructed to highly individual specification in the 1950's & subsequently enlarged/re-configured to an exemplary standard. Reception hall, 3 large bedrooms (one with en suite) re-appt shower room, dining room, elegant lounge & conservatory beyond, enlarged breakfast kitchen, utility, garage, landscaped gardens. EPC TBA SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £375,000



KINGSWINFORD, Celandine Close

A VERY IMPRESSIVE & SUBSTANTIAL LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoying this cul de sac position CLOSE TO EXCELLENT SCHOOLING, offering a BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED layout, plus DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and a ATTRACTIVE, LEVEL GARDEN. EPC D

New price

£269,950

New



DUDLEY, The Broadway

Particularly spacious, meticulously maintained gas centrally heated detached family residence of character envirably situated over looking the priory ruins most conveniently situated within walking distance of the Town Centre. With many period features the splendid accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, dining room with bay, lengthy 16ft lounge with bay, kitchen, laundry/utility, outer porch, separate toilet. FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS bathroom, separate WC, garage. Delightful secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE.

Offers in the region of £260,000



SEDGLEY, Eden Gardens (Off Gorge Road)

Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed dormer bungalow comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with laundry section, bathroom, fourth bedroom (alternative study). To first floor 3 beds, double garage, parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY



QUARRY BANK, New Street

This LARGE, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME, is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guests WC, Three Bedrooms, (Master with En-Suite), Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC D



HOLLY HALL, Bromford Road

Pleasantly situated within this popular address, this VERY WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME, briefly comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Shower Room and a Large Garden. EPC C

New price

Was £225,000, Now £220,000



KINGSWINFORD, Barnett Lane

Set within a prime location, close to good schools, this ATTRACTIVE, TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a WELL APPOINTED LAYOUT WITH TWO RECEPTION ROOMS & 3 GOOD BEDROOMS. With LARGE DRIVE, GARAGE & GENEROUS REAR GARDEN. EPC C

£219,950

New price

Was £225,000, Now £220,000

£219,950



KINGSWINFORD, Dubarry Avenue

● ● OPEN DAY SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 10.30 - 12.30 ● ● A BRAND NEW DETACHED HOME within sought after Valleyfields, offering a HIGH SPECIFICATION layout including THREE BEDROOMS plus EN-SUITE. Driveaway and a private rear garden. EPC TBA

Open day

£203,000



DUDLEY, Aintree Way, Milking Bank

Extended gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached on fine corner plot: hall lounge transverse dining kitchen (french doors out to garden) utility, fitted cloaks: 4 BEDROOMS reapt shower room with white suite: garage, garden. EPC TBA SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £199,950



LOWER GORNAL, Woodland Grove

Just off Brick Kiln Lane: EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed detached comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, store, kitchen, utility room, cloaks/shower room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £194,950



GORNAL WOOD, Himley Road

Tremendous potential! Gas centrally heated & uPVC/ aluminium double glazed semi detached with porch, hall, lounge, pantry, dining room, kitchen with replacement units, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden. EPC E SEDGLEY



WALL HEATH, Blaze Park

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED & GREATLY ENLARGED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE FAMILY HOUSE with a LOFT CONVERSION. Including an EN-SUITE plus an INCREDIBLY LARGE and WELL APPOINTED layout. With GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY and SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC D



DUDLEY, The Broadway

Gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising: porch, hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, & former garage has been sub-divided to create utility room & shower room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, parking. EPC D SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £149,950



LOWER GORNAL, Addison Croft, Straits

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement with magnificent distant views comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive to brick garage, garden. EPC F. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £144,950

£159,950

New price

Was £164,950, Now £159,950

New price

Was £164,950, Now £159,950

£154,950



DUDLEY, Corbyn Road

AN IMPRESSIVE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE WHICH IS well placed, offering SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION, all WELL APPOINTED, with TWO GOOD BEDROOMS. Set beyond the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY and with a LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC D



QUARRY BANK, Turner Drive

Enjoying a pleasant position within this popular location, this WELL PRESENTED AND EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, TWO BEDROOM HOME, briefly comprises: Porch, Kitchen, Sitting Room, Delightful Conservatory, Two BedRooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC D



NETHERTON, St Georges Road

THIS SUBSTANTIAL AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM HOME, would be the ideal FIRST TIME BUY or FAMILY HOME and briefly comprises: Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three BedRooms, Modern Bathroom and Generous Rear Garden. EPC D

Offers in the region of £149,950



UPPER GORNAL, Roberts Green Road

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with porch, hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 2 double bedrooms, reapt bathroom with white suite, utility room (with potential), lengthy south rear garden. EPC TBA. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £99,950

£117,500

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£108,950

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£99,950

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COSELEY, Ivyhouse Lane

Gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence with delightful gardens. Magnificent accommodation includes; reception hall, cloakroom, 22'6" through lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'Avanti' units, utility room. Gallery landing, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, toilet. Garage. Block paved drive, extensive garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



UPPER GORNAL, Vale Street

Unique, gas centrally heated detached comprising; Entrance vestibule, cloaks/ utility room, hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen. Four bedrooms, bathroom (bed one with shower room en-suite). Carport, secluded garden EPC: D SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached providing hall, cloaks, lounge, dining kitchen, principle bedroom with dressing room & shower en-suite, three more bedrooms, bathroom. Carport access to garage beyond, garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £250,000



PENN COMMON, Sedgley Road

ENVINABLY SITUATED! EXTENDED semi detached comprising; hallway, dining room, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, & rear garden (£250.00 allowance towards buyers legal fees) Swift completion available. EPC: SEDGLEY



KINGSWINFORD, The Rise

A VERY LARGE SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a desirable cul de sac, with LARGE DRIVEWAY, offering a GENEROUS layout of WELL APPOINTED layout including 3 VERY LARGE BEDROOMS and a LARGE 6.85m x 5m LOG CABIN (currently snooker room). EPC E



KINGSWINFORD, Cross Street

Superbly located within Kingswinford's highly sought after Old Quarter, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED & IMPROVED PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a CONSERVATORY, together with GENEROUS accommodation, plus a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC E



DUDLEY, Malthouse Drive

Frehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached comprising; hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, CONSERVATORY, kitchen, bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



NETHERTON, Racemeadow Crescent

This Stylish, Modern, three bedroom, three storey semi detached home comprises; Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Conservatory, two first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, second floor Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and Ensuite, Garage and Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: C.

Offers in the region of £179,950

£172,950

£169,950

Offers in the region of £165,000

£162,500



DUDLEY, Belvoir Close, Milking Bank

OUTSTANDING! gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with tremendous views & comprising; hallway, lounge, kitchen, CONSERVATORY. Two bedrooms, bathroom, garage, space (subject to regulations) garden. EPC: C SEDGLEY



COSELEY, Cedar Avenue, Bramford Estate

ENLARGED gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached requiring some updating. With porch, hall, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged kitchen, utility, separate WC.3 bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, delightful lengthy garden. EPC: C SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Beaumaris Close

Tremendously upgraded, centrally heated, double glazed semi detached with DISTANT VIEWS from rear comprising; lounge, store, dining kitchen. Two double bedrooms, bathroom, parking, rear garden. Swift completion available. EPC: C SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Lawnswood Road, Thornleigh

NO UPWARD CHAIN - gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi with potential set at head of cul-de-sac -vestibule, hall, enlarged kitchen, L shape living room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, shortened garage, extensive secluded garden. EPC: C SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Garrick Close, Earls Keep

MAGNIFICENT VIEWS, double glazed, CENTRALLY HEATED, 2nd Floor Apartment with 'entry phone' system comprising hall, two bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, living/dining room, kitchen. Communal grounds, parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £138,950

Offers in the region of £129,950

PRICE: £129,950

Offers in the region of £124,950

Offers in the Region of £117,950



WOODCROSS, Kossuth Road.

Mostly double-glazed gas centrally heated semi-detached comprising; hall, lounge, extended dining kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, lengthy rear garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY



TIPTON, Lindley Avenue

Gas centrally heated, double glazed, re-roofed semi-detached with potential; comprising; hall, store, living room, breakfast room (former kitchen), and existing kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, narrow garage, garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY



SEDGLEY, Rowan Road

Part double glazed, gas centrally heated home that requires sympathetic updating comprising; porch, hall, living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, lobby with utility, w.c. & store, garden, potential off road parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY



PENSNETT, Bell Street

THIS MODERN, EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, TWO BEDROOM END TERRACE PROPERTY would be the ideal first home and comprises; Hall, Stylish Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Garden with additional land extending to the side. EPC: E.



WOODSETTON, Wrens Nest Road

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with REAR VEHICULAR ACCESS comprising; hall, through living/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price WAS £105,000, NOW £98,750

Offers in the region of £94,950

New price WAS £94,950, NOW £92,000

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UPPER GORNAL, Priors Mill

Mostly uPVC double glazed gas centrally heated mid starter home NO UPWARD CHAIN - Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, lawned Gardens and secure PARKING to rear. EPC C. SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Ellowes Road

EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS (for modernisation). A uPVC single glazed intermediate family home comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, wet/shower room, separate WC, 4 BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate WC, garden. EPC:T.BA. SEDGLEY



UPPER GORNAL, Hilary Crest

GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated & double glazed flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS comprising: hall, two double bedrooms, lounge, shower room, store, kitchen with 'beech' effect units. Allocated level garden, 2 stores. EPC:T.B.A. SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Orchard Grove

Freehold, gas centrally heated, (recent combi boiler), uPVC double glazed end "starter home" offering potential for further improvements, comprising: hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Gardens. EPC:C. SEDGLEY



PENSNETT, Tiled House Lane

MOST APPEALING, TWO BEDROOM, END OF TERRACE HOME available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprising: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Generous First Floor BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Driveway and Pleasant Garden. EPC D

Offers in the region of £89,950

Offers in the region of £86,950

Offers in the region of £85,950

Offers in the region of £85,000

£84,950



QUARRY BANK, School Road

THIS FOUR BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME 'for sale' with NO UPWARD CHAIN is in superb condition, fantastic INVESTMENT opportunity or alternatively to create a desirable home. Comprising: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Wet Room, Four Bedrooms, W.C and Garden. EPC Rating D



COSELEY, Caddick Street

No Upward chain. Well presented, gas centrally heated, 3 bedroom THIRD FLOOR FLAT that stands in communal grounds & comprises: secure entrance, welcoming hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY



Upper Gornal, Rock Street

STYLISH 1st floor uPVC double glazed flat close to amenities; 207 Hall, 17'1" lounge, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & int appliances 2 double bedrooms (one with wardrobes) reapt bathroom with white suite; EPC D. SEDGLEY



UPPER GORNAL, Kinfare Rise

uPVC double glazed First Floor flat within walking distance of so many day-to-day amenities comprising: porch, hallway, cloaks cupboard, central landing, two double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom. Drive allocated garden. EPC:E. SEDGLEY



Dudley, Moncrieffe Close

Situated within this respected residential development, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, SECOND FLOOR FLAT comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, White Suite Bathroom, Allocated & Visitor Parking and Communal Gardens. EPC:C.

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- | 2 Allocated Car Parking Spaces
- | Deposit £800 (EPC - TBC)

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NEW



Wordsley 43 Ensall Drive

- | Mod Semi-Detached House
- | Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge
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- | Deposit £800 (EPC - C)

£625
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Halesowen 6 Grove Court

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Kingswinford Flat 1 Hayley Court

- | Mod 1 Bed Ground Floor Apt.
- | 2 Allocated Car Parking Spaces
- | Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom
- | Deposit £600 (EPC - C)

£450
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NEW



Kingswinford 15 Grant Close

- | Modern 1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
- | Close To Local Amenities
- | Bathroom With Shower Cubicle
- | Deposit £500 (EPC - D)

£430
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NEW



Wordsley 96 Lawnswood Road

- | 2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
- | Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom
- | Convenient Location, Parking Area
- | Deposit £500 (EPC - E)

£395
PCM

Infiniti's charge on market

By Graham Breeze

Infiniti sold very few cars in the UK last year but you can expect to see a lot more on our roads with the arrival of a turbocharged petrol version of the Q50 premium sports saloon.

For the confused readers Infiniti is Nissan's up-market offering – the same relationship as Lexus has to Toyota.

And if you haven't seen one on the road you will have seen the name splashed across the side of the Red Bull F1 team – which means the company is serious about exposure.

The Q50 is a mid-size, rear-drive saloon launched to take the opposition head-on at

BMW, Audi and Mercedes. And that's going to be no easy task.

The Japanese luxury car producer is determined to increase market share in the next year and the Q50 is set to become their best seller.

It is already available with a 2.2-litre diesel engine or a direct response 3.5-litre petrol/electric hybrid drivetrain.

And there are three trim levels for the diesel models – SE, Premium and Sport, with the Hybrid available in one, fully equipped form only.

The Infiniti may be a rare sight on our roads at the moment but the new petrol option will appeal to a new customer base.

It oozes style and a new lightweight 4-cylinder turbocharged petrol engine now gives performance to match, thanks to 208hp and 258lb/ft (350Nm) of torque via a 7-speed automatic transmission.



‘This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough.’

It gets Euro 5 certified technology and an impressive throttle response that gives an astonishing top speed of 152mph and 0-62mph in 7.5seconds.

You can expect to get over 40mpg on the combined cycle and the car emits 151g/km of CO₂ in sport form.

This model handles like a dream on motorways or on country roads, roars when you want it to and is agile enough to be competitive in the sector.

Wood and leather have been used extensively inside to provide a superb cabin area which is dominated by two big colour

centre screens – one containing the Sat-Nav system, the other an iPad based system which controls just about everything you can think of.

The Infiniti Q50 takes the idea of a car with a memory to a whole new level. Thanks to 96 selectable settings across 10 functions, possible permutations for personalisation run into the millions.

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The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. *Model shown: Swift S24 available from £12,199 (Metallic paint available at £14,30). *VAT free offer on Swift range: Swift 1.2 S24 3dr available from £8,999, including a customer saving of £1,800 to Swift 1.2 S24 5dr 4x4 available at £13,699 including customer saving of £2,740 which is equivalent to the VAT amount of the previous on the road price of £10,799 (S22 3dr) and £16,439 (S22 5dr 4x4). VAT Free Offer excludes Swift Sport. *Model shown: SX4 S25 available from £13,249 (Metallic paint available at £14,30). *VAT free offer on SX4 range: SX4 1.6 S23 available from £10,495, including customer saving of £2,100 to SX4 S25 4x4 available at £13,249 including customer saving of £2,650 equivalent to VAT amount of previous on the road price of £12,595 (1.6 S23) and £15,899 (1.6 S25 4x4). *Model shown: Splash S24 available from £9,899 (Metallic paint available at £14,15). *VAT free offer on Splash range: Splash 1.0 S22 available from £7,999, including customer saving of £1,600 to Splash 1.0 S24 A/T available at £10,645 including customer saving of £2,129 equivalent to VAT amount of previous on the road price of £9,599 (S22) and £12,274 (S24 A/T). *Model shown: Alto S24 available from £7,999 (Metallic paint available at £9,399). *VAT free offer on Alto range: Alto 1.0 S2 available from £5,999, including customer saving of £1,200 to Alto 1.0 S2 A/T available at £8,625 including customer saving of £1,724 equivalent to VAT amount of previous on the road price of £7,199 (S22) and £10,349 (S24 A/T). VAT equivalent reduction is not available on vehicle options or accessories. VAT Free offer excludes Swift Sport. For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles privately registered between 1st October 2014 to 31st December 2014 from participating Authorised Suzuki Dealers only. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. All prices and specifications correct at time of going to print.

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New style details and equipment for Prius+

By Matt Joy

Prius+, Europe's market-leading seven-seat hybrid MPV, is being re-groomed for 2015 with new styling details, equipment features and colour choices. The first major changes for Prius+ since launch in 2012 give the car a stronger look that takes up Toyota's latest design cues.

The revised front-end features a new upper grille and a more prominent Toyota badge that extends the forward line of the bonnet. There are new LED headlights, too, which use a cylindrical projector for both high and low beam. Their slim profile and contrasting black and chrome plating give Prius+ a distinctive sharp-eyed appearance.

The lower grille adopts the trapezoid shape that's a common feature of the latest Toyota models. With a gloss black metallic finish, it adds emphasis to the car's broad stance. The impression of width is reinforced by a re-working of the bumper corners, given extra emphasis in a flowing form that extends from the headlights to the new air intakes and LED daytime running lights.

At the rear there's a new combination lamp design with "light guide" treatment and red inner lenses that give the car an individual lighting signature. Following the styling themes adopted at the front, there is a new licence plate trim and bumper with an integrated diffuser.

Changes in the cabin include a dark silver metallic finish for the driver's switchgear and the air conditioning dial control and a chrome finish for the door handles.

There are two new chrome-trimmed, slim-line air vents in the centre console and a new 4.2-inch colour TFT information screen, controlled using switchgear on the steering wheel.

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As well as basic information such as clock, trip indicator, cruising range fuel consumption, the screen also displays the Hybrid System Indicator and Energy monitor – features common to all Toyota hybrids. It also provides a new "Eco Judge" function, designed to help the driver maximise the powertrain's efficiency, giving a points score for their eco-driving style. The screen will also mirror the settings for the air conditioning and audio settings, keeping them in the driver's line of sight when on the move.

The 2015 Prius+ is fitted as standard with the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system, including touchscreen control, Bluetooth and reversing camera. This can be upgraded – Toyota Touch 2 with Go – to provide additional satellite navigation, live traffic information and, via Toyota's online portal, an expanded range of connected services, text-to-speech function and 3D city modelling with landmark graphics.

The equipment upgrade extends to the availability of electric seat adjustment, a front centre armrest and Intelligent Park Assist.

Safety features have also been improved with the introduction of an emergency brake signal, which triggers all side indicators in the event of sudden braking. Hill-start Assist Control is automatically activated when the car detects an uphill gradient.

Toyota has also improved Prius+ ride and handling, making adjustments to the suspension damping force. New sound absorption material has been introduced in the side of the rear compartment to reduce noise intrusion in the cabin. The hybrid powertrain has been upgraded to comply with Euro6 emissions standards.

Full details of the UK model range, specifications and prices will be announced nearer the on sale date.

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Toyota powering hybrids

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Thanks to huge increases in sales figures for the British-built Auris Hybrid and good results for the new Aygo and low-CO2 RAV4, Toyota GB is up 4.5 per cent versus last year.

In total, 22.5 per cent of those

sales were of petrol-electric hybrids.

The Auris Hybrid has sold 20.6 per cent more units than at this point in 2013, and its popularity has grown to include almost half of all Auris sales in the UK.

Meanwhile, the Aygo has made an "immediate impact" according to Toyota, selling almost 20 per cent better than the old model.

The RAV4, which in recent years has

been reduced to very small volumes in the face of stronger competition from the likes of Nissan and Volkswagen, has seen an 80 per cent boost in fleet sales thanks to a lower-CO2 diesel option.

Hybrid power is also proving popular in the supermini Yaris. A quarter of those bought in the UK are equipped with the proven and self-recharging full hybrid system pioneered in the late 1990s by the Prius.



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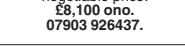


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Fight back proves the undoing of Tipton

Tipton 1 Basford Utd 2
TWO second half goals in four minutes saw Basford United come from behind to defeat Tipton Town in the Midland League Premier Division.

Tipton went 1-0 to the good in the 52nd minute, Ida Yasseri-Mze smashing home a direct free-kick off the underside of the crossbar after Ble Pangha had been felled unfairly.

Steve Weaver, scorer of the two goals that did for Lye Town in midweek, almost added to the home club's score in the 69th minute but found visiting keeper Martin Kearney equal to the task.

The visitors came strongly again and levelled the scores in the 73rd minute when Aaron Webster drove home with a blistering strike from 25 yards.

Pressure from the visitors began to increase, and home keeper Sam Pearson was forced to save brilliantly from Ryan Whitehurst before Iviessie Nightingale broke the home players' hearts by driving home what proved to be the winner in 77th minute for the Nottingham club.

Still, taking the positives, this was a much improved performance by Tipton, in tandem with their efforts at Lye.

Norman takes on Snowdonia

THERE was plenty of distance covered by athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club over the weekend.

On Saturday a group took on the Snowdonia Marathon, a 26.2 mile starting and finishing in Llanberis.

Dave Norman was first back for the club in a time of 3.27.52 in 152nd place, Steve Wood was 319th in 3.43.05, Mark Homer was 440th in 3.51.53 and Mark Judge came home in 4.08.50 to take 695th place.

Elsewhere Ben Foster took part in the Venice Marathon, a point to point race finishing in the Piazza San Marco. Foster finished with a PB finishing in 2.47.28 to finish in 37th place and first British runner home.

Heathens lose Monmore as home ground

Speedway

CRADLEY'S plans for the 2015 speedway season have been thrown into turmoil after losing the use of Wolverhampton's Monmore Green track.

The Heathens have spent the past five seasons racing on Tuesdays but the stadium is now only available for speedway on Mondays – Wolverhampton's Elite League night.

It means Heathens bosses have been left with a race against time to come up with an alternative if they are to come to the tapes next season – with promotion to the Premier League hanging in the balance.

A club statement said: "Cradley Heath

the Heathens to be able to continue racing in 2015."

"We would like to assure loyal supporters that this will in no way distract the club from our ongoing work in establishing a permanent home for the club."

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ladbrokes for hosting the Heathens on a year-to-year basis for the last five seasons along with the Wolverhampton track staff."

"The last opportunity to see the Heathens in action at Monmore Green is next Tuesday, October 28, in the second leg of the Knockout Cup Final against King's Lynn."

Heathens bosses confirmed they want to apply for the Premier League but it appears the only alternatives would be a track share at Birmingham – but the return of the sport to Perry Barr for next season is still not confirmed – with Coventry and Stoke outsiders.

The club have yet to secure a new piece of land to build their own stadium with former Birmingham owner Tony Mole looking at planning issues with one site in particular. Mole has experience in opening new venues. Heathens won a clean sweep of National League honours last year and are in the final of the Play-offs and Knockout Cup.

Glassboys secure another winner

Stourbridge 2 Frickley A 1

STOURBRIDGE secured back-to-back Evo-Stik Premier league victories for the first time since August, despite going down to 10 men against Frickley.

First-half goals from Reece Hales and Jordan Fitzpatrick were enough for Gary Hackett's side who had Chris Knight shown a red card.

Drew Canavan was the creator as the hosts took an 18th-minute lead. Some great footwork was followed by a lovely through-ball to Hales who scored.

Stourbridge struck again 14 minutes later and looked good value for their two-goal lead. Frickley were unable to clear a Kyle Haynes cross and Fitzpatrick was on hand to hammer home a finish.

Brad Riley forced Glassboys goalkeeper Dean Coleman into a decent stop early in the second half before Jamie Green somehow kept out Hales at the other end.

On 71 minutes, Knight was shown a straight red after barging down Gavin Allott after he had rounded Coleman. The Athletic forward made no mistake from the spot, but his side were unable to force an equaliser.

Stourbridge slump to low point

Broadstreet 33 Stourbridge 10

STOUR were left playing catchup after shipping 13 soft points in the opening eight minutes of play.

With the benefit of a stiff breeze in the second half they rallied to pull it back to within a score, but Broadstreet finished the stronger with two late tries.

Stour created enough chances but their finishing let them down, they were kept at bay by the unerringly accurate boot of Broadstreet outside half Ben Cooper who landed all seven of his kicks at goal.

So Stour slump to 12th in National 2, their lowest ever position since the leagues started. They face Stockport this Saturday, kick off 3pm.

Tivs dust themselves off for the victory

Sheffield FC 0 Tividale FC 3
AFTER a spell of just one win in 10 games going back to the 4-0 FA cup win over Stafford Rangers Tividale put all that behind them.

They went to Sheffield FC outplayed them and ran out comfortable winners. Tividale had the first chance of the game when after six minutes David Bellis shot from 20 yards out and Sheffield keeper Joe Green turned the ball in for a corner.

Football

On 22 minutes Tividale went ahead when following neat interplay between Chris Field and Leigh Downing they played in Nigel Penney and he guided the ball past Green into the net at the fast post to open the scoring.

Tividale had a chance to increase their lead within minutes snuffed out when Penney's header was parried away by Green and defender Reece White cleared the goal.

Then Karl Edwards just failed to latch onto a Leigh Downing cross which denied him a chance to get on the score sheet.

Downing then moved in for the kill and forced Green into another save on the half hour mark.

Tividale were now absolutely dominant at this stage and Penny maybe should have done better when he failed to beat Green with a header when he was unmarked just before the teams went in for the half time break.

Sheffield had the first real chance of the second half when James Gregory forced Tividale keeper Charlie Price into his first save of the game.

Subs not used: Michael Wardle, Jack Hayfield.

Clarke puts on Ell of a display at Leeds



One Ell of a goal – Leon Clarke celebrates after scoring the winner for Wolves at Elland Road

Tividale FC: Charlie Price, Danny Ashton, Zach Foster, Chris Field, Mark Smith (16 Andy Parsons 85), Luke Paskin, Dave Bellis, 87 Sam Williams (15 Ryan Winwood 70), Karl Edwards (14 Jazz Luckie 75), Nigel Penney, Leigh Downing.

Subs not used: Michael Wardle, Jack Hayfield.

LEON CLARKE has been told he can still become a major player for Wolves after firing them to victory at Leeds.

Clarke's 85th-minute goal at Elland Road made it back-to-back wins for Kenny Jackett's side after he helped transform the game as a half-time substitute for Dave Edwards.

Wolves' 2-1 victory lifted them to joint top in the Championship but below leaders Derby and Watford on

goal difference. Wolverhampton-born Clarke scored only his second goal in 21 appearances since his return to his home-town club for £750,000 from Coventry in January.

The striker has struggled for games because of head coach Jackett's preference for Nouha Dicko in the lone striker role.

But Jackett believes the much-travelled 29-year-old, who is out of contract at the end of the sea-

son, can still play a big part in the club's future.

"Leon can do very well for this season and he still has a very good future," said the boss. "He did very well on Saturday and gave us another dimension. Leon has the quality, the football brain and the experience and that's what we need at times in this role."

"He showed a lot of quality in terms of balls into him."



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Run is brought to an end for Yeltz

Buxton 2 Halesowen 1
HALESOWEN'S five-game unbeaten run in the EVO-STIK Premier came to an end at high-flying Buxton despite them taking the lead.

The Yeltz made one change to the side that beat Rushall Olympic in the week. The first half was relatively quiet from both sides, although Aaron Forde had an early chance as he latched onto Tom Tonks' pass, but his shot was comfortably caught by Aaron Jameson.

Without doubt the best chance of the half came on 43 minutes, as Buxton's Shaun Tutton burst into the penalty area but his shot was pushed away from goal by Matt Sargeant.

The second half was a completely different affair, as both sides became more attacking and more creative in their play.

Halesowen took the lead on the hour when Laurie Wilson handled in the box and Iyseden Christie stepped up to place the penalty into the net.

But it only lasted a matter of minutes, as Mark Reed's flick-on allowed Tutton to run into the box and slot the ball under Sargeant to get Buxton's equaliser.

Then seven minutes later, Reed out-muscled Joe Hull before chipping the ball over Sargeant for the winner.

New signing for Glassboys

STOURBRIDGE are set to unveil former Walsall striker George Bowerman as their new signing.

The 22-year-old son of one-time Glassboys striker Alf Bowerman has joined from League Two Accrington and could make his debut at Nantwich.

Sedgley-based Bowerman has scored three times in 18 appearances for Accrington after a spell at Conference side Woking following his release from the Saddlers in August 2013.

Bowerman scored nine League goals in 13 starts for Walsall, plus a further 37 appearances off the bench.

The club are to hold bucket collections at home games, against FC United of Manchester on November 22 and Halesowen Town on Boxing Day, for midfielder Ben Bellingham, who suffered a broken and dislocated ankle on October 18.

Late try leaves Lions narrowly edged out

Wolverhampton 17 Stourbridge Lions 15

A dramatic and controversial late try condemned the Lions to a narrow defeat at home to Wolverhampton, despite having the edge for much of the game.

The Lions started badly and for the first 15-20 minutes were pushed back by a more aggressive Wolves outfit and only desperate defending held the score to a single penalty goal after eight minutes.

Stourbridge gradually worked their way back into contention and on the half hour, a try from Josh Trinham wide on the left from a superb miss pass from stand-off

Rugby

Robinson was followed by a fine conversion from Ben Trinham. A penalty in the Lions 22 soon after brought Wolves back to a single point.

The half ended with the Lions on top and deep in the Wolves half, but the game exploded just before half-time. A Lions player was yellow carded but the Wolves player saw red. The penalty was reversed and Ben Trinham slotted the three points to give the Lions a four point lead at the end of a half

that had lasted more than 50 minutes.

The second half started with the Lions fielding 13 men to Wolves 14 for the first three minutes. Again the Lions were slow off the blocks and allowed Wolves to exert pressure which resulted in a penalty goal to make a one point difference.

The Lions woke up after this and, after huge pressure in all phases and a number of breaks, the Lions got a deserved second try when Scotty Langdon went over. Within five minutes Wolves pulled back to three points with a fourth penalty goal. The game continued with the Lions mainly in

the Wolves' half until the fatal last couple of minutes.

A couple of penalties saw Wolves gain a lineout on the Lions 22. A drive from the Wolves forwards was eventually halted but from the ensuing ruck the ball was spun wide to the left.

The last pass seemed to go forward and the Lions stopped playing and a Wolves back crashed over in the corner. In the friendly between the respective 2nds Wolves edged it 17-11, with the Lions points coming from a George Tildesley try and drop goal, plus a penalty from Oliver Shergold.

Anslow denies victory

Lye Town 1 Walsall Wood 1

WOOD were in charge for 60 minutes before Town started to make any impression on the game.

A late right wing free kick into injury time by substitute Ricky Anslow sailed over everyone and into the top corner to deny Wood a deserved victory.

Craig Deakin headed a ball clear from the first attack of the game, Harry Harris quickly played a ball through the centre for Drew Aiton to run onto, his first time lob landed on the roof of the net.

Wood went ahead with Deakin racing from halfway, found Aiton to his left, he chipped the ball over a static defence for Max Black whose first time lob landed on the roof of the net.

Wood went ahead with Deakin powering forward from halfway before playing a ball to Ben Evans. He held the ball up cleverly, before hitting a diagonal ball into the left of the box to Aiton, who fired the ball across the keeper and in off the far post to give Wood the lead.

Five minutes into injury time, Ricky Anslow nailed it for the draw.

Ryan to rescue for the team

Wyrley 1 Team Dudley 1

A stoppage time equaliser from Ryan Spittle secured a 1-1 draw for Team Dudley at Wyrley in West Midlands League Division One.

Theodore Brown pounced on a misplaced pass to open the scoring for the hosts.

Wyrley keeper Josh Bowker was finally beaten when Spittle hit home.

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THE SEASONS ARE NOT KIND TO DK

Hinckley RFC 27 Dudley Kingswinford RFC 10

FOUR seasons have elapsed since DK last visited Hinckley in South Leicestershire.

During that time the fortunes of both clubs have waxed and waned and it's fair to say both sides are in a period of transition. DK's side was again changed from the team which went down at Sutton last weekend.

Rugby

The most notable changes to the pack were the return of Chris Gledhill, a former DK youth player, who came in for the unavailable Ed Parry and Rhodri Williams moved outside.

The team were captained by Connah Jones.

They began brightly and the early exchanges were evenly contested.

As Hinckley pressed into the DK 22, persistent infringements tested the patience of the referee and DK were reduced to 14 men with a yellow card to Pete Knight.

Penalty

From the ensuing scrum-mages, which were repeatedly reset, the first score came from a penalty try which was converted by Mark Lord after 15 minutes.

The game was evenly balanced as both sides struggled for ascendancy.

Possession constantly changed hands as neither team put together meaningful phases of rugby. Hinckley increased their lead as they put together a move which was finished off by their hooker Jordan Goddard and converted by Mark

With it the balance of the game altered in their favour. As they pressed deep into DK territory a penalty in front of the posts was conceded. This was converted by Mark Lord.

Two more tries were conceded as Hinckley increased the pressure to run out comfortable winners. Saturday November 1 DK are at home to Lichfield RFC, 2.15pm.



DK's Matt Squires breaks clear from tacklers during the match against Hinckley

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